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NONSTOP BATTLE FOR TAIERCHWANG

Japanese Admit Capture Claim To Be Premature

WAFDISTS DECLARE BOYCOTT

Cairo, To-day.
The Wafdist (Nationalist) Party, following its crushing defeat in the parliamentary elections, yesterday decided to boycott the elections for the Senate. It is said that the Wafd even contemplates withdrawal of the twelve deputies elected to the House of Representatives, in order thus to "avoid" the loss of prestige which is bound to result from such a numerically weak representation.—Trans-Ocean.

RENTS COMMISSION REPORT

The "China Mail" learns from official quarters that the report of the Rents Commission is unlikely to be released for publication until it is laid before the next meeting of the Legislative Council, to be held on Wednesday next week, April 13.

It is understood that the Commission's Report will be brought before the Executive Council tomorrow for discussion regarding the steps to be taken to implement the recommendations of the Commission. No details of these recommendations will, however, be disclosed for the present.

STEAMER ASHORE: ALL FEARED LOST

Oslo, To-day.
A so far unidentified steamer, believed to be a Norwegian coaster of about 1,000 tons, ran ashore on the coast of the Norwegian province of Moere yesterday.

Huge waves are sweeping the wreck, from which parts of lifeboats and one body have been washed ashore.

It is believed that the entire crew of 12 or 15 perished.—Trans-Ocean.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone has decreased considerably in intensity, pressure being highest over the lower Yangtse Valley. The depression is still indicated to the north-east of Hokkaido.

Local forecast: — N.E. winds moderate; fine generally.

Twelve Picked Brigades Now In Action

Shanghai, To-day.

Twelve Japanese brigades, composed of specially picked units, are now engaged in the battle which is still raging for the possession of Taierchwang, latest messages from the sector reveal. Japanese communiques now admit that their claims to the recapture of the town were premature, but claim that a foothold has been gained, and add that the intensity of the fighting exceeds anything seen during the great battles round Shanghai.

It is significant, too, that today's Japanese military reports speak of the powerful nature of the Taierchwang defences, apparently to justify their failure to oust the Chinese forces after fourteen days of repeated offences.

Reports from both sides show that the main Chinese army is not at Taierchwang, but has driven a wedge into the Japanese lines north of Taierchwang, with the objective of preventing further reinforcements from reaching this vital sector. So far, the Chinese strategy has succeeded, as columns which were proceeding to the relief of the troops at Taierchwang are now themselves heavily engaged some twelve miles north-east.

SURPRISE RAID

The Chinese Air Force in a surprise raid at dusk is believed to have inflicted heavy casualties on the Japanese concentrations round Taierchwang.

At the present time, severe fighting is taking place at the north-east corner of the city, while on the east and west, the Chinese troops are gradually clearing the outskirts of Japanese troops. — Our Own Correspondent.

TSINAN RAIDED

Hsuechow, To-day.

A military communique issued yesterday stated that a Chinese air squadron carried out a successful raid on Japanese military positions in Tsinan yesterday morning with the result that about fifty military transport coaches and three military supply depots were destroyed. A number of Japanese casualties occurred.—Hua-Nan.

ANOTHER SOVIET NORTH POLE FLIGHT

Mostow, To-day.

Another Soviet airman has flown over the North Pole.

The airman, named Moshkowski, took off from Rudolf Island at 3 o'clock on Monday morning, and at 7.20 was over the North Pole.

He returned to Rudolf Island at 2.05 in the afternoon.

In an official statement it is declared that object of the flight was to search for Lewanewski, the Russian airman who was lost several months ago in attempting the second flight from Russia to the United States.

Yesterday's flight, however, produced no traces of the missing airman.—Trans-Ocean.

RHODESIA TRAIN DISASTER

Johannesburg, To-day.

Twenty-three were killed and a number injured in a head-on collision between passenger and goods trains near Plumtree, South Rhodesia, at midnight last night.

Three trucks of dynamite in the goods train fortunately failed to explode in the crash, which occurred during a severe storm.—Reuter.

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To make the various treatments quite clear, it is inevitable to describe them at great length.

In print it often seems a long and complicated process. In actual fact, when once you have learned the hang of it, it takes comparatively little time. It is a simple business to make a beauty time-table and run through it daily according to plan.

THE FIRST STEP

When you get up in the morning, go to the open window and do five minutes' deep breathing. Fill your lungs slowly and deliberately, expanding both of them — something that you very rarely do in ordinary breathing. Throw your arms high above your head then swing down to touch your toes, or as near your toes as you can. Ten times will be sufficient.

After you return from the bathroom, give five minutes to your hair. Brush it well. At the risk of being a bore I repeat again that modern women are too scared of the hair brush. Your set will not suffer from brushing. It will deepen the waves. Brush upwards and outwards from the roots so that the air reaches the scalp. It will give your hair sheen and life.

In these days brushing is doubly essential for many women suffer from dry scalp, and brushing helps to distribute what little natural grease there is.

Then give your skin its morning care, make up and finally finish your hair. This order is best, for if you finish your hair first it is not possible properly to powder your forehead and neck.

A little cream on the hands, or a lotion, whichever you use, a fleeting attention to your nails and you are ready to put on your dress. All this has taken very little time, but you face the morning with the knowledge that you are looking reasonably good.

BATHE AFTER WORK

Now I know that you are going to be busy during the day, and cannot take time off for this beauty business. But you can remember to drink your two glasses of cold water between meals. You can also take a few deep breaths every time you pause before an open window.

You can keep some oatmeal or a bottle of hand lotion near the kitchen sink and treat your hands to some of it after washing them, or taking them from greasy washing-up water. You can also remember to put on a pair of gloves when about to do dirty work. You can also remember that a washing-up mop takes your hands into hot water far less than a dishcloth.

I have come to the conclusion that



GRETA GARBO as she appears in the role of Marie Walewska, the Polish countess who won—and lost—the heart of the great Napoleon. This historical romance, produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, will be shown in the Colony shortly.

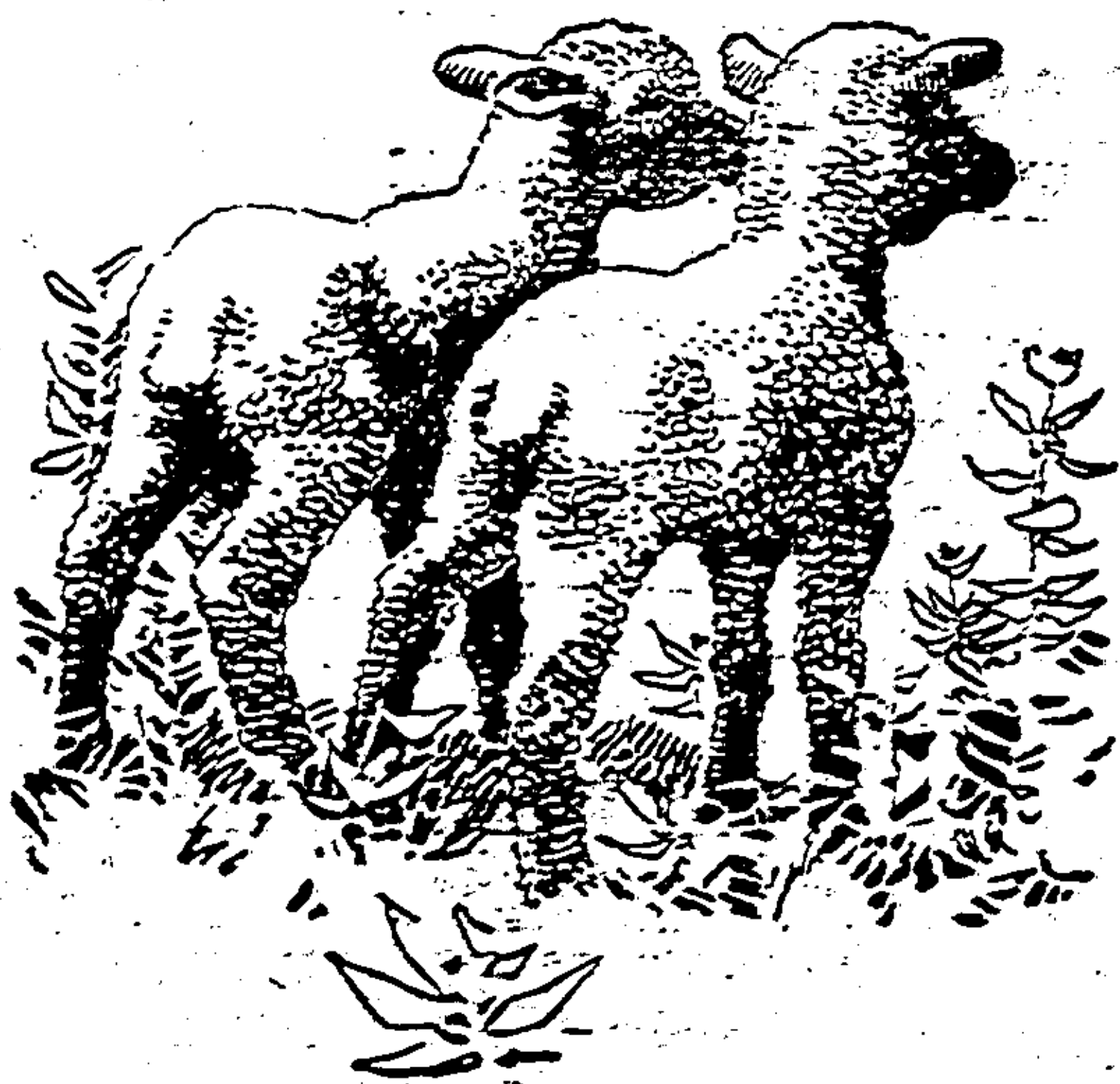
the best time of day for a housewife to take a bath is when the work is done and she is ready to dress.

Don't have the water too hot and be liberal with the bath salts. There is nothing like this for helping you to shed the results of the toil of the day. It puts you in a better humour with yourself and you are fresh to meet the family when they return. Remember to cream your face before your bath. The steam helps the cream to do its good work.

One day a week you can give your face its favourite mask, or special beauty treatment, and let it remain on while you have the bath. This may not be quite so good as relaxing while it dries, but it saves time.

When the bath is finished, remove the mask and complete whatever beauty treatment follows it. Clean your nails with one of the combined treatments that both cleanses and

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But what's the secret? Let's hear a noted counsellor on the subject. She is a young woman whose job it is to assist folk in the public eye to appear more beautiful, more fluid of motion and less repressed when before an audience. I introduce Ruth Wilton. "To the average young person wishing to become an actress or concert singer," says Miss Wilton, "the body is more of a handicap than a help. It should be a partner in the new enterprise, but it's usually an opponent. Most young people, both in private and public life seem instinctively inclined—either because of shyness or carelessness—to let the body carry them about instead of holding it under control.

"No matter how little or how much they weigh," Miss Wilton continued, "I try first of all to teach my pupils to take the weight out of their legs. It must be lifted from the heels, placed where it rightly belongs: on the balls of the feet. A clodhopping gait becomes impossible if the walker learns to lift her pounds."

TUMMY IN, FLAT BACK!

All of us know that in posture problems it is essential to contract the abdominal muscles and to pull in the derriere. Tummy in, flat back! How many times in our lives have we heard that caution. It's still good. So let's do it. It will be excellent for the waistline too, because it helps keep separate the ribs and pelvic girdle; and it will give us the back we long for: slim, straight, firm and flexible.

But to return to Miss Wilton: "Posture's whole aim," she explained, "is to keep the spine straight. A plumb-line dropped from the crown of the head should fall in the space between the balls of the feet. Such a spine," she concluded, "causes the neck to rise out of the shoulders, clear and free, the head to rest easily upon it, to top it like a flower."

Another point stressed gives the lie to that old injunction of our schooldays, "Chest out! Shoulders back!" That was, and is, very bad. For two reasons: It cramps the lungs and wrongly places the emphasis for posture correction. Modern authority cautions us to loosen the shoulders—and to forget about them. Posture correction and control centre about the middle of the body. A good way to begin is to stand and move tall. Like this—

Up with you! Let your feet be six inches or so apart, parallel to each other, toes straight ahead. Now raise your body to its fullest length by gently pulling upward from the pelvis. Keep chin straight. Again

pull steadily upward. Shoulders erect, but loose. Hold the position for a count of thirty. Relax. Repeat. Three times in all. At the end of the third trial, instead of relaxing hold the position as you take thirty steps about the room. Relax. Increase the "dose" daily until your natural, easy, erect carriage proclaims your wise persistence.

POSTURE BASIS

This tall exercise stretches the trunk to its fullest length. It pulls in the abdomen, restrains the buttocks, thus giving a flat back, allows the chest to expand easily and the head to rise straight and free from column of the neck—"to top it like a flower."

It is a fundamental of right posture—and so of an easy, free moving carriage. For it is not enough merely to stand well. We must carry over the law of balance into walking, running, dancing, sitting—into all we do. Don't be down-hearted if your first "tall-walking" about the room is a stiff gait. It's bound to be, but if you persist in the exercise it won't be long before you'll be balancing a whole row of books upon your pate. A feat, which, so elders still say to the young, is the classical test for a gracefully balanced, gracefully carried frame.

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nourishes. This again is a time-saving method.

When you have brushed the dust out of your hair, and made up, give your hands a final touch with hand lotion, and you are ready.

AND SO TO BED

Do not put off going to bed till the last possible moment. Go upstairs a deliberate ten minutes earlier, for, however weary you may be, the bedtime treatment is the most important beauty routine of the day.

On no account omit the cleansing cream treatment. If you do, sooner or later you are going to suffer from what the advertisements call "cosmetic skin." However pure cosmetics are, and in these days, you could eat most of them without ill effects, they are not meant to be left on the skin overnight. Then following with the nourishing cream and the tonic, and finally go to bed with a skin that is perfectly clean so that it may breathe freely.

Another five minutes with brush and a little scalp massage. A few more deep breaths before the open window and you are ready for bed. In addition to this daily routine, you should find time once a week for a special manicure and attention to your feet.

Now I will wager that you can do all this in less time than it has taken me to write the account of it. Moreover it is spread out over the day so that it never seriously cuts into the day's work.



Goose which is the plumb-line, which has acquired "athletic stoop."

Personal Jottings

The many friends of Mr. Cameron de Saille Robertson, manager of the Wine Department of Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., will be sorry to hear that he was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital and underwent an operation yesterday. It is learned that he is progressing as well as can be expected.

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Mrs. P. A. Netland, wife of the assistant manager of The American Express Co., left the Colony on Friday in the s.s. Empress of Japan for her home in Minnesota. Mr. Netland sailed on Sunday in the s.s. Sphinx for Calcutta. He is making a combined business and pleasure trip, and will be gone for about eight months.

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Mrs. W. I. Gerrard, wife of Professor Gerrard of the Hong Kong University, accompanied by her daughter Heather, left for home in the s.s. Naldera on Saturday.

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The Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson, resident director of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., and one of Hong Kong's leading business men, has left the Colony on home leave and was a passenger in the s.s. Empress of Japan. Other prominent residents who sailed in the same vessel include Mr. W. Schofield, Mr. A. C. Wilcox, Mrs. B. Church, Mr. and Mrs. H. West, and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLeod, Mr. A. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. de Souza, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Lambert, Mrs. F. M. McRea, Mr. H. S. Lo, and Mrs. R. Wild.

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Arriving to the Colony in the s.s. Nellore from Australia were Mrs. Norman Stockton, wife of Mr. Stockton of the Hong Kong Telegraph, and Mr. W. H. B. Muskett of the Hong Kong Electric Co., accompanied by Mrs. Muskett and their two children.

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Mr. A. K. Mackenzie, secretary of Messrs. Harry Wicking & Co., is leaving for home shortly, on furlough.

The forthcoming marriage has been announced between Mr. Peter Morrison of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., residing at 354 The Peak, to Miss Mary Adelaide Rathey, whose address is 10 Albion Terrace, Kowloon Docks.

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LEUNG-TAM

The marriage took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday at 11 a.m., between Mr. Leung Kin Fong, son of Mr. Leung Chor Hing, and Miss Tam Suet Kwan, daughter of the late Mr. Tam Chiu Kwan.

The ceremony was performed by Mr. W. A. Jones, the Deputy Registrar of Marriages, and was witnessed by Mr. Ki Yun Wah and Mr. Chat-Ming Wan.

The bridegroom is a student in the Canton University.



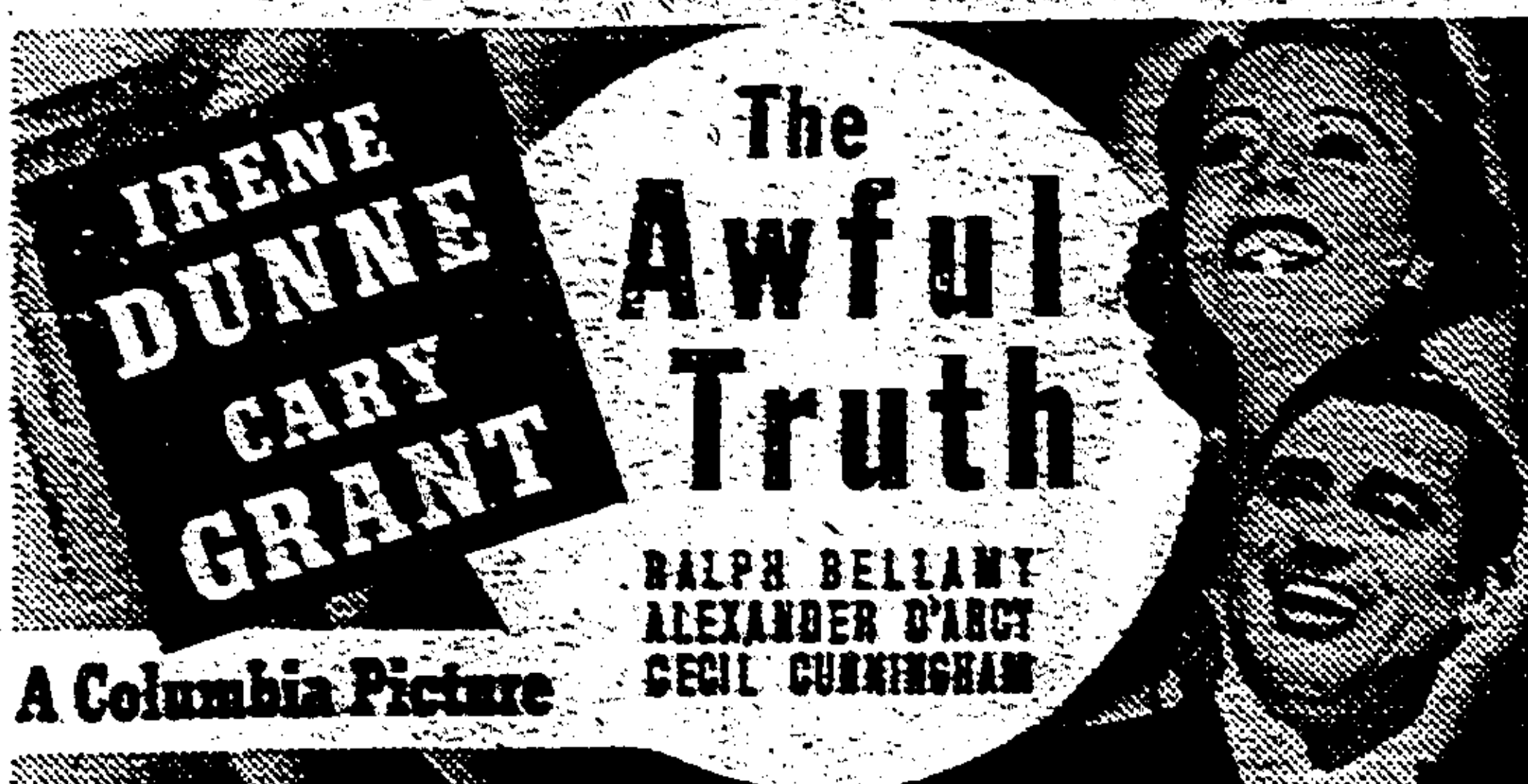
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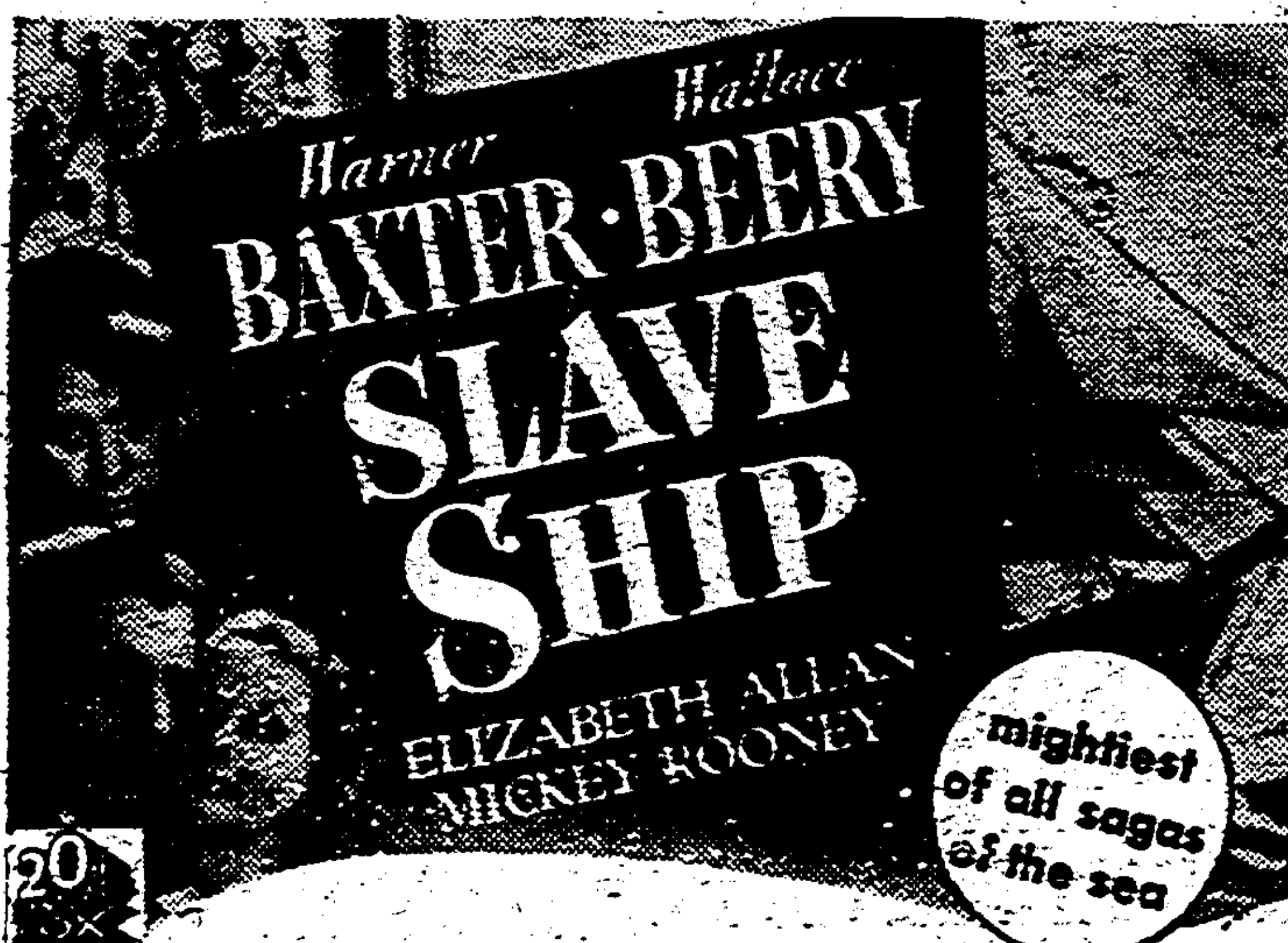
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STAFF CONDITIONS ISSUE RAISED AT DOUGLAS COMPANY'S MEETING

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE FLOATING STAFF OF THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY TOOK A PROMINENT PLACE IN A DISCUSSION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS HELD THIS MORNING, WHEN MR. T. RAMSAY OCCUPIED THE CHAIR IN THE ABSENCE OF MR. S. E. WILLIAMSON, WHO HAS LEFT, ON URGENT FAMILY AND BUSINESS MATTERS, FOR AUSTRALIA.

A net profit on steamers' working of \$677,855.72 was revealed.

The Chairman said:—After paying all Running Expenses, Docking Charges, Insurance Premium and all Allowances, deducting the Debit Balance of \$135,002.74 brought forward from last Account, writing off depreciation on Investments and transferring \$200,000.00 to General Reserve, the sum available for distribution is \$218,364.16 which your Consulting Committee and General Managers propose to appropriate as follows:—To Pay a Dividend of 10 per cent. (\$5.00 per share) \$100,000; To Carry Forward to next Account.

We are pleased to be able to place before you such a favourable Account for the year ending 1937.

A decided improvement in Coastal trading conditions became evident about June last, this being followed as from August last by a heavy demand for cargo and passenger space on our Coastal run which we were fortunately able to cope with, and which is reflected so favourably in the Accounts now before you—we also had the benefit of low Bunker prices owing to favourable contracts fixed sometime ago, these have, however, now expired and outgoings for coal and other working expenditures now show rather heavy increases.

EXCHANGE POSITION

The Coastal exchange position for the period under review has also been more favourable and we have not had to contend with heavy variations as hitherto, there are however, indications that these conditions will not be lasting and our interests may be affected adversely.

I advised you at our last Meeting that we had disposed of the "Haining" and we carried on during the year with the "Haikan," "Haiyang," "Haiching" and the chartered "Seistan." Owing to the extra business offering it was decided at the end of the year under review to purchase the "Seistan" rather than pay the prevailing market Time Charter rates. Provision will also probably have to be made in the near future for further tonnage. It will be seen that our four vessels and other floating and fixed equipment stand at reasonably low values, and your Committee do not consider further depreciation on them to be necessary at this stage.

Our Investments have fluctuated greatly with the trend of the local market, and it was deemed advisable to bring them into this Account at the market rate as at 31st. December, 1937, and I have to advise that they now stand at higher values than shown in this Account.

FLOATING STAFF

I again desire to place on record our appreciation of the loyal and efficient services rendered by our Floating and Shore Staffs. They have had much to contend with and have performed their hazardous duties very well indeed. I might add that two of our vessels the "Haiching" and "Haiyang" were in port during the September Typhoon and due to the care exercised by the Captains and Officers they came through unscathed and I am quite sure their efforts will be appreciated by you all.

A promise was made to our Floating Staff some years ago that when it was possible to formulate a benefit fund for them, Provident or otherwise out of earnings, it would receive our close consideration, and I am pleased to state that the Consulting Committee and General Managers consider the time has arrived when this matter should be attended to.

BONUS ON SALARIES

With this in view I have to advise that we are working out a definite scheme to safeguard their interests and although a Bonus on salaries of 15 per cent. has been paid since March

last to our Captains and Chief Engineers and 25 per cent. to all other certificated ranks, it is now proposed to pay into a Special Fund out of the sum carried forward, a further Bonus payment of 10 per cent. on ordinary salaries received by those certificated officers still serving with unbroken service during 1937, thus making a total Bonus of 25 per cent. on their salaries to Masters and Chief Engineers and 25 per cent. to other certificated ranks for the greater part of last year. A further initial grant will be necessary in order to provide in a tangible form some provision for those who have served us faithfully and efficiently over long periods and our Auditors are working on this scheme which we hope will become effective at an early date.

Future trading conditions are still uncertain and obscure—more vessels are now appearing in our trades and I think you will realise that your Consulting Committee believe in consolidation rather than in over optimism as to the future trend of trade in this vicinity, and in passing I might state that we are now feeling the benefit of the conservative and cautious policy exercised by your Consulting Committee and General Managers during the past lean years which we still think may so easily return.

SECOND SPEECH

Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts, congratulated the General Managers and Consulting Committee on the excellent results on the year's working, and said:—

It is reassuring that our Ships and Floating equipment stand in the Books at a very conservative figure, and our investments have been written down below to-day's market value.

The prudent policy of the last few years of consolidating our resources is one which must commend itself to all Shareholders and I am very glad to notice that a substantial amount is being placed to General Reserve, against the inevitable rainy day which Shipowners are perhaps more familiar with than others.

Whilst we are receiving a good Dividend as a result of last year's profitable working it is as well to remember that this is only the second occasion during the past twelve years that a distribution has been made. At the same time it is only fitting that our Floating Staff should also participate in the Company's present prosperity, and for this reason I am very glad to know that our Consulting Committee are formulating a scheme along the lines of a Provident Fund for their benefit. Before I conclude I should like to pay a well deserved tribute to our Floating Staff for their loyalty and devotion to the Company's affairs throughout a year which had more than its share of stress and troubles.

MR. KIRBY'S QUESTION

Mr. W. E. Kirby, dissenting, said:—Initially I would compliment the General Managers on the excellent showing for the year under review, for which result credit is due to both shore and floating staffs. I am not unappreciative, however, as doubtless you are also, that the attainment could be more satisfactorily regarded had it not, to a certain extent, been accomplished through the misfortunes of others.

I have given notice of the following questions:—

"Whether, in view of the very favourable result of the Company's working for 1937 as shown by the Profit and Loss Account, the General Managers do not now consider it expedient to transfer \$50,000 to Leave and Pensions Account of the total of \$200,000 proposed as an allocation to General Reserve? Also, is it the intention of the General Managers to immediately arrange for resumption of Home leave and pension conditions of the Floating Staff and which service conditions have

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SIR HENRY POLLOCK CELEBRATES UNIQUE ANNIVERSARY

A WARM TRIBUTE TO SIR HENRY POLLOCK, K.C., ON THE UNIQUE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY, FALLING TO-DAY, OF HIS ADMISSION TO PRACTICE AS A BARRISTER IN THE HONG KONG COURTS, WAS PAID BY HIS HONOUR THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MacGREGOR, AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING.

Sir Atholl said:

"Before I begin the work of the Court this morning it is fitting that I should refer to an anniversary which we are very happy to commemorate to-day.

"On April 5, 1888 a young man, Henry Edward Pollock, was duly admitted to practice as a barrister in this Court. He had been called to the Bar in London on 17th November, 1887, and had landed in Hong Kong for the first time on 2nd April, 1888.

POLICE MAGISTRATE

Very soon after he became a member of the local Bar he was entrusted with official duties, for he acted as Police Magistrate for a year during 1888 and 1889. In 1891, he was made a Justice of the Peace. In 1892 he acted as Puisne Judge for six months and in 1896 he, for the first time, acted as Attorney General, an office which he frequently filled between that year and 1928.

In 1890 he took silk and was called within the bar of the Colony. For eighteen months from June 1900 he was President of the Land Court to consider claims to land in the New Territories. Professionally for many years his life was a full and active one and the Colony's Law Reports testify to the number of important cases in which he was engaged and to his industry and ability in conducting them.

FAMOUS FAMILY

Belonging as he does to a family which is unique in English annals for the number of its representatives which it gave to the law it is not perhaps surprising that Sir Henry should have chosen the bar as his profession and that he should have succeeded in the vocation of his choice.

Sir Henry's life, however, has been many sided, and even when he was in busy practice he found time to work in other fields for the betterment of his fellow citizens.

In 1894 his services in connection with the outbreak of plague brought him a well deserved gold medal. In 1903 he for the first time became an unofficial member of the Legislative Council, and

from 1903 to 1906 he was an elected member of the Sanitary Board. In the latter year he became a substantive member of the Legislative Council on which, from that date, he has continuously served.

In 1921 he was appointed an unofficial member of the Executive Council and on that body also his advice has from that time been continuously at His Excellency's service.

KNIGHTHOOD IN 1924

In 1924 His Majesty was pleased to confer on him the dignity of Knighthood, a well deserved recognition of his outstanding services to the Colony.

The newly established University of Hong Kong too was fortunate in having his wide knowledge and ripe experience at its disposal and in 1925, on the recommendation of the honorary Degrees Committee, he received the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.

Sir Henry has worked devotedly for the cause of charity also, and there is no deserving cause that does not enlist his sympathy and profit from his helpful advice and inspiration.

UNIQUE OCCASION

In this Court, in which Sir Henry has spent so many busy and happy hours, it is only proper that we should think of him to-day primarily as our senior Counsel and the senior member of the local practising bar. On behalf of my brother judge, and myself, of the bench of Magistrates, of the law officers, the bar, the solicitors and all other officers of this Court I am privileged to recall this morning what is an unique occasion in the history of this Court, to express however inadequately the universal appreciation of Sir Henry's work in the field of law as well as in the wider field of the service of his fellow men, and to voice the fervent hope that he and Lady Pollock, his gracious and inspiring helpmate, will long be spared to continue the great work which they are doing.

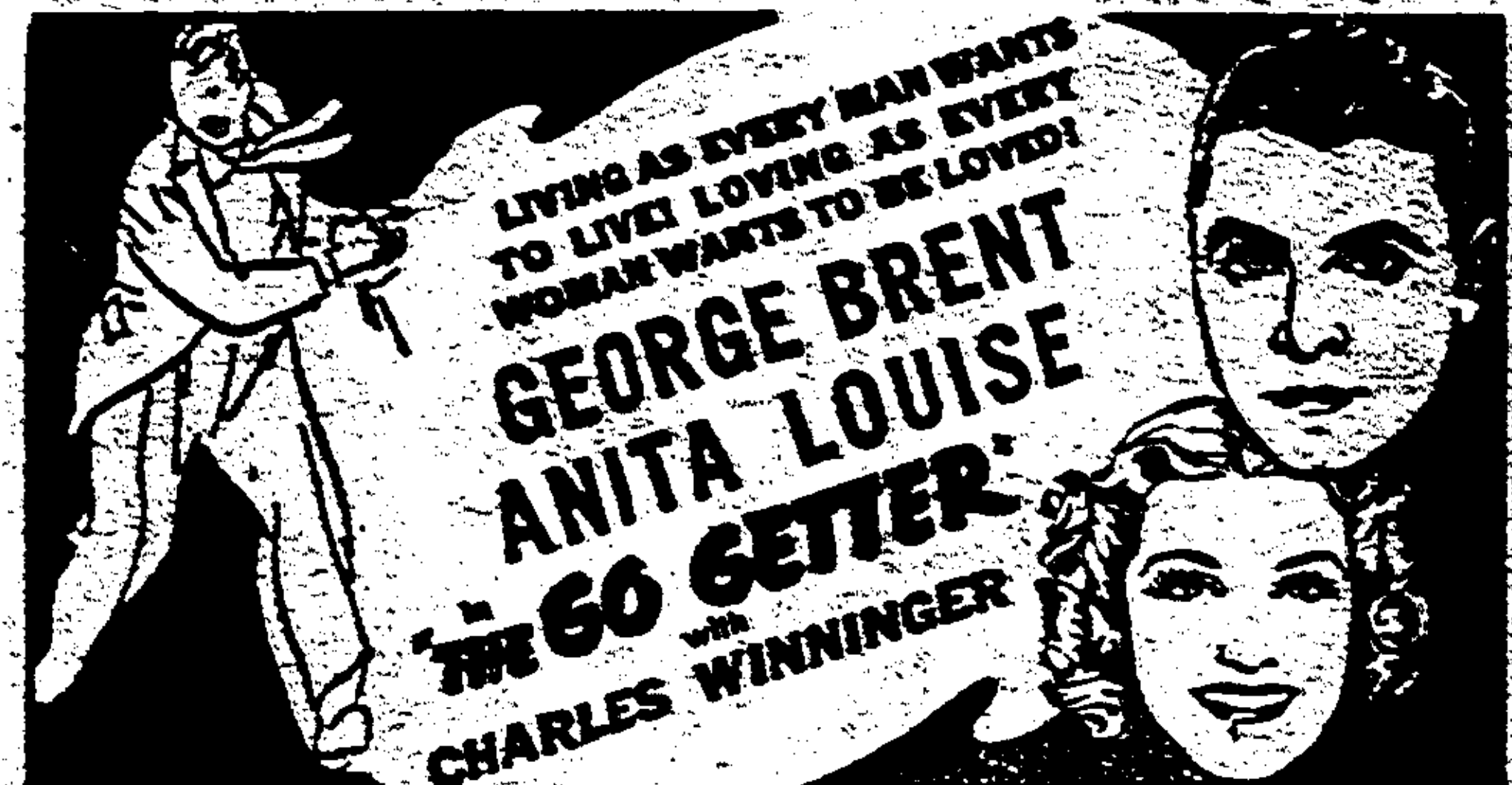
Mr. J. A. Fraser, Attorney-General, endorsed the Chief Justice's tribute on behalf of the local body of the legal profession.

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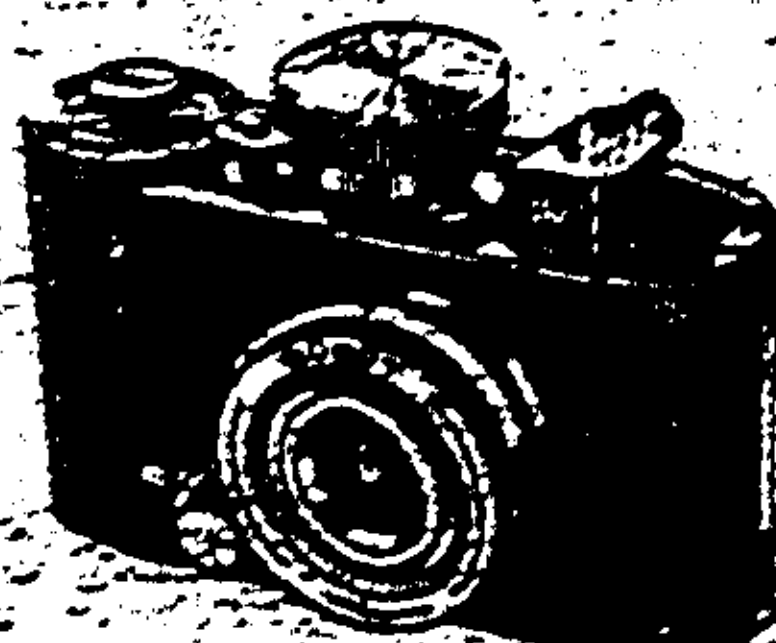
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MOTOR RACE TRAGEDY

Borne, To-day.

The deathroll in the 1,000-mile round Italy motor race tragedy, when a car driven by the ace, Bruzzo, crashed into the crowd way and crashed into a barrier, in near Bologna, has now risen to nine, juring six onlookers. — Trans-Ocean.

Seven had been killed outright and two of the injured have now succumbed.

Another accident occurred in the Italian same race, when a driver lost his car, crashed into the crowd way and crashed into a barrier, in near Bologna, has now risen to nine, juring six onlookers. — Trans-Ocean.

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M. BLUM'S CAPITAL LEVY FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE: SENATE REJECTION LIKELY

Paris, To-day.

The Premier's Financial Bill includes a tax on the sliding scale beginning at four per cent. on capital of 100,000 francs. The 40-hour week will not apply to factories engaged on national defence production.

The Bill refers to the need for improvement in the yield from income tax. This will be achieved by raising the rate, certain privileges of rentiers will be abolished, repayment of the public debt suspended for two years, and national defence firms will pay excess profits.

RENTS COMMISSION

The Commission appointed by His Excellency The Governor to investigate the recent rise in rents in the city of Victoria and in the Kowloon Peninsula has now concluded its enquiry and submitted its report to His Excellency The Governor.

The Chairman and Members wish to thank all those who have provided written or oral evidence, and who have thus greatly assisted the work of the Commission.

Text of the Finance Bill shows a progressive capital levy on fortunes above 150,000 francs, and not 100,000 francs, as forecast. The tax will be payable by all residents, including foreigners.

All must submit details of their capital within six months.

The tax is 4 per cent. on 150,000 francs, rising to 17 per cent. over 50,000,000 francs.

RADICAL SOCIALISTS

The Radical Socialist group approved M. Leon Blum's Finance Bill by 28 votes to 22, with about 25 abstentions.

Latest view is that the Bill will be passed by the Chamber but that there is not the least hope of the Senate's approval.

The Finance Commission of the Chamber approved the Bill by 25 votes to 18, with one abstention.

It is learned in the lobbies that Government spokesman estimate the yield from the capital levy, which may be paid in from one to ten years, will average £12,000,000 a year for ten years.

RIGHT WING CONDEMNS

With other measures under the Bill, new resources available will total about \$67,000,000 per year, from which must be deducted nearly \$6,000,000 as the estimated total taxation reliefs.

The Socialist parliamentary party has unanimously decided to support the Bill.

The Right Wing Republican Federation unanimously condemned the proposals as a programme for a Marxist revolutionary dictatorship.—Reuter.

JUNK ROBBED OF VEGETABLES

Kwok Cho Lee, master of a trading junk, has reported that while off Man Chung, in Chinese territory on Friday, a Japanese naval motor boat came alongside. The sailors boarded his junk and took away his cargo of vegetables. They set him free and he made his way to Cheung Chan where he made the report.

The Union Trading Company, represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Junior, was awarded judgment with costs, against the Kwok Man Chau Ka (Company) and Chiu Chiu-ting, managing partner, and the Tung Hing Company, and Li Po-yuen, one of the managing partners thereof, by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning, in an action for \$6,189.48, balance due for old newspapers.

Defendants were represented by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy.

In his judgment this morning, the Chief Justice said that Chiu Kwok's defence was that he had been defrauded by his employees, who made use of his "chap" which he left in a drawer to which any member of the staff had ready access. In spite of that attitude he did nothing, and he acquiesced in the continued employment of Chiu Chiu-ting and Chan Tok by the Tung Hing Company, transferees of his business.

"No honest man, righteously increased at the abuse of his confidence by his employees, could so have conducted himself. I find, without hesitation, that Chiu Kwok was fully aware that the contracts sued on had been made in the name of and on behalf of his firm and that Chiu Chiu-ting and Chan Tok were his accredited agents. Therefore, there will be judgment against first defendant firm."

TUNG HING CO.

Referring to the Tung Hing Company, His Lordship said, "I have already referred to the effect of the agreement between Chiu Kwok and the Tung Hing Company as a transfer of the business. The mischief aimed at is the debtor's divesting himself, of his business to the detriment of the whole body

of his creditors. A transferee's remedy is a simple one, the giving of the prescribed notice coupled with a statement that he does not intend to assume all the liabilities incurred in the business by the transferor. In the present case transferor and transferees chose to ignore the provisions of the Ordinance. Had there been no transfer, plaintiffs would have been entitled to look to the transferor's business as a means of recovering their judgment. A transfer in, despite of the Ordinance, does not in my opinion, deprive them of that right of recourse. There will be judgment for plaintiffs against both defendants, with costs."

LABOUR MOTION OF CENSURE REJECTED BY PARLIAMENT

Premier Refuses To Consider Election Demand

Condemns Implications Of Labour Manifesto

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, was loudly cheered by Government supporters in the House of Commons yesterday when he rose to reply to the Labour motion of censure.

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that less than a fortnight ago he made a lengthy and carefully considered statement regarding the policy of the Government, and expressed the opinion that it would not serve any useful purpose if he repeated it, even though in somewhat different terms.

The Prime Minister alleged that the Labour Party was endeavouring to exploit for party purposes, the difficulties in the international situation.

He was convinced they were profoundly mistaken, for, from all sources of information on which he had been able to draw, the policy of the Government had won the general approval not only of the whole country but practically of the whole world, with the possible exception of Russia.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Mr. Chamberlain, referring to the League of Nations, said it was still a fact that they looked forward to the time when the League would be so strengthened and revitalised that it would be an effective instrument for prevention of war and establishment of a settled peace in the world.

They would do their best to increase the efficiency of the League until it was capable of performing those functions.

TRANSPARENT HYPOCRISY

They still intended to make the fullest use of the League within the limits that must be recognised, but to-day the League was in no state to fulfil the conditions which Earl Baldwin laid down as essential to collective security.

To deny that was merely a piece of wilful transparent hypocrisy.

Examining the principal points in the recent Labour Manifesto, Mr. Chamberlain said one of the proposals therein constituted nothing less than a proposal for an offensive and defensive alliance between France, Russia and ourselves against some other power or group of powers.

Could that be called collective security? It only showed that the party opposite never bothered to look at the mixture inside the bottle, as long as the label outside was right. (Laughter).

WORLD CONFERENCE

The proposal would divide Europe into two camps, and so far from making a contribution to peace, would inevitably plunge us into war.

It might be a good plan to call a world conference to discuss political and economic appeasement, but he was of the opinion that discussion between individual powers was much more likely to be successful in removing the existing causes of friction.

Mr. Chamberlain said the Gov-

ernment had no intention of changing its policy regarding non-intervention in Spain.

NO TIME FOR ELECTION

He asserted that no Government with an ample majority ever went to the country on such feeble opposition, and added it was no time to disturb the country which was in the throes of the armament programme.

The fighting qualities of Mr. Chamberlain's speech, and the arguments with which he sought to answer the opposition points, aroused Government supporters to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

VOTE REJECTED

The House of Commons defeated the Labour vote of censure on the Government by 359 votes to 152.—Reuter.

MR. GREENWOOD'S CHARGES

The Prime Minister said it was the fifteenth debate on foreign affairs in nine weeks. Such concentrated attention on one subject must be unprecedented in British parliamentary history.

The debate was raised by Mr. Greenwood, who directed chief attention to the Spanish situation and to the question of foreign assistance to the Nationalist forces.

Mr. Greenwood said he could give particulars of a number of new aeroplanes which had gone to Spain since Mr. Eden's resignation. He could prove a large accession of military strength to the Nationalist forces.

"I have the figures and the numbers and types of the aeroplanes that have gone there. I have photostat copies of German documents showing the structure of the German air squadrons, one of which destroyed the last British ship that was destroyed. I have the names of the Germans who were in the aeroplane that destroyed that ship. It was brought down when bombing the Spanish railway line. I have here a photostat copy and the identification card of an officer who makes very serious admissions and

LI CHUNG-JEN IN FIGHTING LINE

Hankow, To-day.
General Li Chung-jen, commander-in-chief of the Chinese forces in Shantung, arrived in the battle area from his headquarters in the rear on Sunday night, and is now directing operations in the fighting lines.—Trans-Ocean.

who obviously does not speak without knowledge."

NO POLICY CHANGE

In his reply, the Prime Minister said that if it is true that the League cannot properly be described as the keystone of British policy it is not because we have changed our policy, but we say it is in no state to fulfil the condition which is essential for collective security.

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LIBERAL DEMAND

The Liberal Party Opposition Leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, rose after the Prime Minister and said he thought it a mistake to have had the debate. He said the Prime Minister's policy had not won the country's approval nor that of the Dominions and the whole of the rest of the world as the Prime Minister had claimed.

"Call the League of Nations together before it is too late to rally the forces of freedom and justice," said Sir Archibald Sinclair. "We want to put peace, law and justice in the world on the moral basis of the Covenant of the League of Nations."—British Wireless.

BRITAIN'S DECISIVE WAR STRENGTH

London, To-day.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, Dominions Secretary, winding up the debate in the House of Commons on the Labour vote of censure, emphasised that British policy is certainly not dictated by any weakness.

"If our policy of appeasement fails, and Britain is drawn into war," he declared, "we can make a contribution to that war which will be decisive."

"Britain is powerful not only on account of her great wealth, her military and naval strength, and the superb qualities of her people when tested, but because we draw unique strength from the fact that we are the centre of an Empire whose territories stretch right round the earth."

Mr. Macdonald was convinced that the great majority of his fellow citizens in the Dominions agree with the British Government's policy.

Mr. Chamberlain, he said, could give many proofs of the Dominions' support, but contented himself with quoting the recent statement of General Hertzog, the South African Premier, saying that Mr. Chamberlain had his full support.

Mr. Macdonald concluded by asking the House to show the same measure of support.—Reuter.

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WORKING ARTISTS GUILD

As the "Mother" of the Hong Kong Working Artist's Guild, the Editor of the *China Mail* has asked me to give an account of my "child." What we are, and why we are, and how we come to be. This is specially in view of the Private Reception at Mr. John Locke's Studio tomorrow afternoon, which His Excellency the Governor has graciously promised to attend. This is neither a social occasion, strictly speaking, nor an ordinary Exhibition. It has been arranged so as to show a little of what we are already doing, to the kind friends who have helped to keep our Guild in being during its infancy, to enable them to meet many of the Artists who are working with us, and for these to meet each other. Examples of the work of as many as possible who have had Shows arranged by us, Chinese or European will be on view. There is nothing invidious in our choice of picture, we have tried to make it as representative as possible and to show the work of as many as we could collect in a short time with very limited space.

We also want our aims and hopes for the future to be understood by those interested in the future of Hong Kong as a centre of art and culture.

I feel rather like the old woman who had so many children she didn't know what to do! Less than two years and a half ago I set out with three members of the old established Art Club to get a co-operative studio established. It had been an old dream of the Art Club to have a place where models could be shared, and continuous work could go on. I was offered a half time studio at Vera Valkova's Dance Studio. Three members agreed to start it with me, two men and another lady. The founders were thus three Europeans, and one Chinese practising Western style art. Some twelve members of the Art Club came up to "take" our first model, as an opening: and several then and there asked to come and work there. In less than three months over a dozen artists had worked there for short or regular periods, not counting the pupils of some homeless teachers who had found hospitality with us for their classes, and we had one show.

That arrangement necessarily came to an end with the winter increase of dancing pupils. We were some months without a studio but started again in our present place, a Wanchai Flat within a stone's throw of the China Fleet Theatre, 51 Gloucester Road, in February '36. It was then a new era started for the Guild. I find myself now with over fifty children, what with workers at the studio, exhibitions with us, art teachers etc. When we began anew our clientele had greatly increased. To our original group we had added several of the Chinese artists trained in the Toronto School of Art where they had been working with some thirteen other Chinese among five hundred non-Chinese students. Mr. Lee Y. Tong, who had intended setting up an Art School here, and had been forced by family circumstances to take over his dead brother's position with the C.P.R. with which his family had been long connected, gave us his equipment for teaching. Beside holding Diplomas of the Toronto School he held a teacher's diploma. So did Mr. Lee Byng, Mr. Yee Bon, Mr. Diosdado Lorenzo, a Filipino who had studied and gained prizes in Spain and Rome had just arrived, and at once became associ-

ated with us. Somewhat rashly we offered to arrange an exhibition for him.

Thereafter we were inundated with requests to arrange Exhibitions. One of the earliest was for the late Mr. Hong Chen whose lamented death last year left China Art poorer by a great genius who more successfully perhaps than any other had effected a marriage of Chinese and Western Art. He having showed in Paris for years groups of traditional Chinese artists followed, from Canton from Shanghai. Orientals trained in Europe or America or Canada. In one year we had held nine such. Meanwhile we had received the greatest help and encouragement by the interest Sir Andrew Caldecott took in our work and enterprise. Lady Shenton who was also greatly interested unfortunately left the Colony soon after the new studio was started. She left us her blessing and lots of useful furniture,

BY
**IRENE
MACFADYEN**

and a tradition of practical help nobly carried on by the Heads of Deacons. Meanwhile the studio carried on under great difficulty. Several of our original supporters left the Colony. Sometimes we had a number of workers who helped with the rent. At other times only two or three were left to bear the burden. In the latter part of 1936 we made history as Mr. Lee Y. Tong put it by inviting Mr. Pau Shin Yau, a well-known Chinese traditional and yet very progressive and original artist who had been driven out of China by troubles ten years ago, to give a series of lessons in the Theory and Practice of Chinese Art to trained European artists at the Studio. These continued for several months. About March, a year ago the Guild, which had discovered that a real call for it work existed in Hong Kong, encountered great discouragements. Our friend Sir Andrew Caldecott received promotion to Ceylon, and was leaving us. Our Secretary Mrs R. T. Barrett, herself a brilliant artist, had suddenly to go Home on account of failing health. Many of our supporters were leaving the Colony for good, or like myself for months. It seemed as if we must suspend our work which would mean beginning all over again if we ever recovered from seeming to join the long list of Hong Kong failures. In his parting address to the Colony Sir Andrew Caldecott, who already had "put us on the map" by his mention of our work in a Christmas Number of "The Sphere," expressed the hope that The Hong Kong Working Artists Guild would not be allowed to die. Then Dr. Kotewall interested four of his colleagues on the Legislative Council and they generously collected sum of money as an experimental subscription to keep us going over the emergency period. Twenty people in all contributing to this. That was shortly before I left the Colony early in July for Tsingtao, whence I only returned at the end of last year. When I left the expectation was that the guild should prepare a sort of Festival of local and South China Art to coincide with the Tourist Association's Conference to be held in Hong Kong from November 8 to 18 when we should have had the opportunity of making our aims and requirements known to over a hundred delegates, coming for the second of these Conferences to be held in the Orient. This hope was frustrated by war and its horrible consequences. The Guild managed to survive, thanks to its generous friends. At least four Exhibitions were held, much of the proceeds of which were devoted to War Victims and Red Cross work.

There is opportunity now for the Guild greatly to enlarge its functions.

Visiting and refugee artists from Shanghai and other war devastated areas are looking to us for assistance in one way and another. There are at least four individual artists or groups anxious to hold exhibitions. But the difficulty is to find suitable premises for these. The Gloucester Lounge, hitherto generously thrown open to us, is no longer available. Alternative central places almost impossible to find. Larger studios are not to be found or only at prices we cannot afford, as our present clientele is precarious.

We have the nucleus for founding a School of Art, where talent can be trained for free expression, by sound teaching of drawing and first principles by excellent teachers. We must find a means of marketing steadily the beautiful work produced here, for artists cannot live by beauty alone. The Travel Association offers us facilities for a small perpetual selling Show at their Kiosk. We cannot get our message of peace and conciliation, above the clouds of international quarrels, jealousy and strife through to the world unless we can reach those who would willingly buy.

Finally our aims may be summed up in what I wrote in Tsingtao after I had got into touch with a group of Artists there, most of them Russian. "In Hong Kong there is a little group of artists and art lovers who dream of creating in that peaceful Colony a real art centre, where West may learn from East, and East from West: whence new forms of Art may spring: where worth while original work may be preserved, as also a selection of the ancient art of the Orient. Where artists may receive recognition and give each other mutual support while they still live and can develop. They dream that some day a great Art School may be established which may attract students from all over the world to study the impact of East and West in Art."

The inspiration of our at present infant Guild is that it may become a real contribution to the cause of Peace and Goodwill between the peoples of the world.

It will be observed that we do not set ourselves up as Authorities on Art. We hope to attract many who have experience and knowledge and who will extend this to us by practical advice and help by giving lectures etc. Rather we want to unite in one brotherhood all sincere artists so that we shall not, as hitherto, be working in watertight compartments but in mutual co-operation and appreciation.

As soon as possible we are looking to give exhibitions of the work of our members both Western and Oriental. We have been entrusted with some

rarely beautiful woodcuts of Emma Bormann (Mrs. Mich, wife of one of the Austrian Doctors who came out on a special mission to Nanking and is now in charge of a hospital in Pak-hoi). Her work is internationally famous, and many specimens have been purchased by the British Museum as well as in America and the Continent. She is, or was until a week or so ago a lecturer on the theory and practice of Art at the Vienna University. We have been requested to exhibit a few examples of her work and sell them, in part for the benefit of the Chinese Red Cross. It is possible she might pay a visit to Hong Kong when we hope she will be of great assistance to us in organising the School which we intend to start shortly. It will be seen that my infant child looks like growing up, as it has become rather a Company than a single child. Mr. Cyril Champkin is our Treasurer. Mr. Champkin in my absence carried on the Secretarial work with Luis Chan to whom we owe the mix introduction to Chinese artists.

ANGLO-ITALIAN DECISION ON ABYSSINIA

London, To-day.

The Anglo-Italian agreement, which was expected to be signed at an early date will, according to press reports assume the character of a gentlemen's agreement and will contain no reference to Abyssinia.

Concerning the Abyssinian question, both parties have agreed that the League Council shall be asked at its next session to authorise member States of the League to recover their freedom of action whereupon the British Government will immediately recognise the new Italian imperium.

It is further reported, with regard to Palestine, that Italy will make her agreement to the British partition plan dependent on the undertaking by the British Government that south Palestine shall not be included in the Jewish State.—Trans-Ocean.



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FALL OF LERIDA SEALS FATE OF REPUBLICAN SPAIN

Insurgent Staff Officer's Comment On Events

Black Picture Of Conditions In Barcelona

Burgos, To-day.

"The fall of Lerida has sealed the fate of Republican Spain," declared an insurgent staff officer yesterday.

Lerida, which has 36,000 inhabitants and several important armament factories, is an important railway and road junction.

As a result of the town's capture, the entire Government resistance in the region west of the line running from the Pyrenees to Lerida is said to be bound to collapse.

Lerida has direct rail connections with Saragossa, Barcelona and Tarrabona. The distance from Lerida to Barcelona is only 60 kilometres.—Trans-Ocean.

BLACK PICTURE OF BARCELONA

Perpignan, To-day.

Arrivals from Barcelona paint a black picture of conditions in that city, and declare that the extremist elements in Catalonia, who do not hesitate to use threats, are responsible for the continued resistance to the insurgents.

It is stated that barely a quarter of the men who have been called to mobilisation have answered the call.—Reuter.

TORTOSA ADVANCE

Saragossa, To-day.

While the fate of Lerida was decided farther north, insurgent troops continued their advance in the direction of Tortosa at a point between the provinces of Valencia and Catalonia where they had come nearest to the Mediterranean coast.

According to latest reports, General Franco's vanguards have already fought their way to the coast.

It is believed here that the insurgents' main body will succeed very shortly in reaching the coast thereby cutting off Valencia from Barcelona.—Trans-Ocean.

METAL SHORTAGE

Barcelona, To-day.

The acute scarcity of metal in Republican Spain has led the Catalan authorities to order all iron, brass and copper railings, decoration etc. to be removed to the armaments factories.—Trans-Ocean.

DELIBERATE BOMBING OF BRITISH SHIPS

London, To-day.

It became known in London yesterday that following the receipt of a telegram on April 1st from the captains of five British ships in Tarragona harbour, to the effect that they were being subjected to deliberate and daily air attacks although the nationality of the vessels was plainly visible, and there was no military objective in the vicinity, the British Agent at Burgos was instructed to inform the Nationalist authorities of the captains' statements and to urge that immediate instructions be given to cease these attacks on

MARCH TO SEA CONTINUES

Saragossa, To-day.

General Franco's march to the sea continued yesterday, says an official communique issued last night.

General Valino's forces, after capturing the important mountain pass between Razas and Cardo, advanced to within nine kilometres of the town of Tortosa.

General Aranda's forces, who are advancing towards the Mediterranean on the southern Aragon front, occupied Morella, in Castellon, and were 40 kilometres from the coastal town of Vinaroz, which is 45 kilometres south of Tortosa.

Troops advancing north from Lerida have occupied the villages of Corbina, Protella and Alfarras.—Trans-Ocean.

MECHANISED VANGUARD

The mechanised vanguard of General Valino's troops reached the outskirts of the Mediterranean coastal town of Tortosa last night.

After occupying the town of Cherta, the vanguard pushed along the right bank of the Ebro River and met no resistance till Roquetes.

The fate of Tortosa is already sealed, according to insurgent despatches, and taking of the town will mean the cutting off of the last railway and highway connections between Barcelona and Madrid, and will mean the isolation of Catalonia from the rest of Spain.—Trans-Ocean.

TENNESSEE VALLEY ENQUIRY

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has signed a resolution ordering Congress to investigate the administration of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The Administrator of the T.V.A., it will be recalled, recently was dismissed on charges of mal-administration.—Reuter.

British shipping.

The vessels concerned were the Meopham, Stanwell, Cemenco, Elowergate and Kenfigpool. British Wireless.

BRITISH SHIP'S CREW RESCUED

Berlin, To-day.

Seventeen British sailors, comprising the whole of the crew of a British freighter, were rescued by a German "Strength through Joy" cruising ship off the Dutch island of Terschelling early yesterday morning.

The British vessel sprung a leak in a heavy storm.—Reuter.

CHINESE ESTATES, LTD.

A successful year's working was revealed at the fifteenth Annual meeting of Chinese Estates, Limited, held at noon to-day. A final dividend of \$3, making \$9 for the year, as compared to \$8 last year, was recommended.

Mr. Leung Kwai-lin the chairman said:—

The net profit for the year, after providing for "Reserve for Depreciation on China Buildings" (\$30,000), etc. amounts to \$98,103.54 which added to \$211,359.76 brought forward from last account, shows a total of \$309,463.30.

The net profit for the year shows an increase of \$5,527.80 over that of the previous year. There are three items in the Accounts that call for comment. First is the sum of \$6,238.31 expended on Repairs on Premises as against \$1,346.82 for the previous year. The increase is accounted for by the fact that over \$1,800.00 was incurred in connection with the improvement of the 8th floor which has since been let, and about \$3,000.00 was expended on alteration of partitions and on extensive repairs to China Building which was erected over 15 years ago.

The second item is the extraordinary expenditure of \$10,480.19, incurred on the advice of the Company's electrical engineers, on the installation of two motor-generator sets. This disbursement is justified by a monthly saving of \$300.00 in the consumption of electricity. Thus in three years the capital expenditure will be more than covered by savings.

You will be glad to hear that owing to the advantageous situation of China Building, all the shops on the ground floor and all office rooms on the upper floors are let; and that the amount of outstanding rents has been substantially reduced.

Mr. Lo Chung Wan seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. Messrs. Fung Ping-fan and Leung Ting-kai were re-elected Directors, and Mr. Li Tung was re-elected Auditor.

Among those present were:— Messrs. Leung Kwai Tin (Chairman), Lau Tak Po and Fung Ping Fan (Director and Secretary), and the following shareholders:—

Messrs. Lo Chung Wan, Mok Han, Kenneth Fung, B. W. Lai (representing Chui Aong Co.), Fung Ying, Fung Ping Wah (representing Yu Hing Co., Ltd.), Leung Ting Kai and Cheung Kee.

Two Directors, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and Mr. Li Yau Tsun, owing to an important meeting at Government House, were unable to be present.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE CONTROL

Tokyo, To-day.

The law passed last year for the control of exchange transactions in Japan has come into effect as from to-day, in accordance with a Cabinet decree announced last

KING ZOG'S WEDDING TO COUNTESS APPONYI

Tirana, To-day.

The wedding of King Zog of Albania with the Hungarian beauty, Countess Gerakline Apponyi, has now been definitely fixed for April 27, and will take place in Tirana, the Albanian capital.

The ceremonies will begin on April 25 with a grand court reception when relatives of the bride will be introduced to the King.

On the eve of the wedding day a great military parade and court ball will be held.

SIX WEEKS' HONEYMOON

The wedding ceremony will be performed during the morning of April 27, and will be followed in the early afternoon by a public banquet, after which the newly-married couple will retire for six weeks to the King's summer residence on the Albanian coast.

Press reports state that the Italian Heir Apparent, Crown Prince Humberto, the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and most members of the Diplomatic Corps in Rome will attend the wedding celebrations in Tirana.—Trans-Ocean.

CATALAN POWER STATION CAPTURED

Bilbao, To-day.

The insurgent troops operating in North Aragon gained an important objective yesterday when they occupied the principal Catalan power works, and were thus in a position to cut off the power necessary for the many large industries in the province.

Other columns are pressing forward through the Pyrenean region along the highway leading to the French frontier with the aim of reaching the Noguera River.

Meanwhile, in Burgos yesterday, an official insurgent statement claims that since the start of the present offensive on March 9 the insurgents have taken 18,312 prisoners, have scattered thirteen Government brigades, captured 64 pieces of artillery, 235 machine-guns, 40 small machine-guns, 14,879 rifles, 12,000,000 rounds of ammunition, 57 lorries, 17 motorcars and 29 tanks.—Trans-Ocean.

night.

The Government takes power of control of all dealings in the yen both in Japan and abroad, as far as Japanese banks are concerned, and it is stated that the prime purpose of the decree is to provide a proper regulation of the yen exchange and to prevent speculative competition among the Japanese banks.—Our Own Correspondent.

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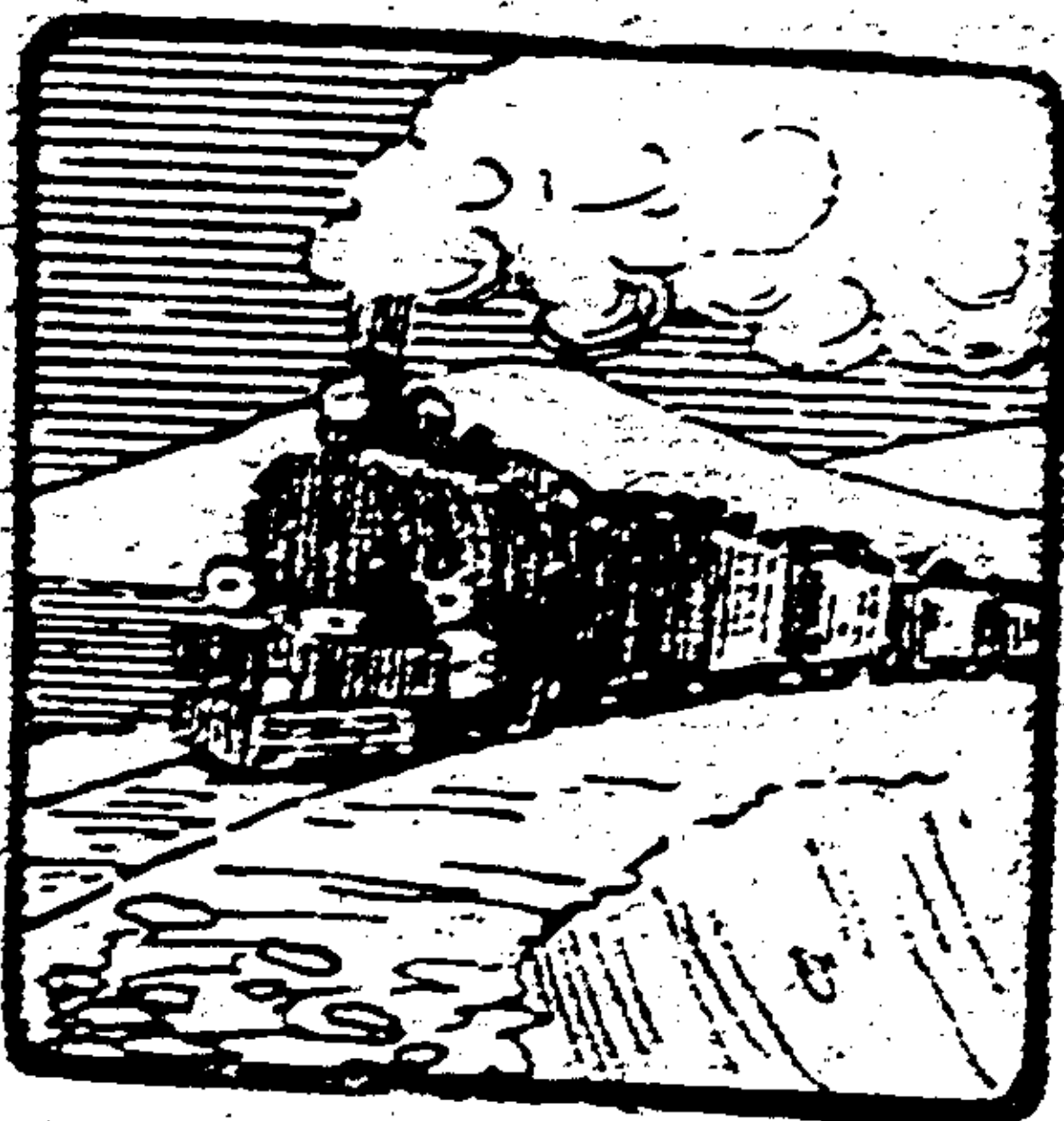
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A MONUMENTAL WATER WORK

It is a long-attested axiom that, with dexterous handling, figures can be made to prove anything. No great surprise, therefore, will be expressed at the ability of the Hon. Financial Secretary, in his monumental memorandum on the Colony's water finances, to present apparently sound and convincing reasons why the appearance of two Government departments where one existed before should have the result of increasing the cost of water to the community. The Hon. Mr. Sydney Caine's proposals, briefly, envisage separation, for financial administration purposes, of the Water Authority from the P.W.D., abandonment of the free allowances of the assessment tax, standard charges of 30 cents per thousand gallons for the lower levels, 50 cents for the Peak and 40 cents for the Upper Levels, payment of all loan charges against waterworks and the repayment of all past expenditure on waterworks. The net result of the scheme, the figures provided in the appendixes make very obvious, is that the minimum increase in the cost of water to the community will be in the neighbourhood of \$120,000 on a highly conservative estimate. The whole case for this new imposition, recommended to come into operation as from July 1, to add to the burdens of rising rents, increased charges for gas and generally higher living costs, is based upon the contention that past expenditure out of revenue should be treated as a loan, with the Government "magnanimously" offering to charge no interest upon it. If, however, Mr. Caine has been ingenious in the presentation of his case, his memorandum is also commendably lucid. So complete, indeed, is the absence of any attempt to be deceptive about the facts that some astonishment must be expressed at the method of approach to and the odd distinction that seems to be drawn between Government revenue and public money. The suggestion that

through future payments the consuming public should meet the cost of waterworks "met in the first place from general revenue"—the trifling sum of \$18,668,000—strangely overlooks the fact that the public has already paid for these ancient adventures into the task of adjusting supply to meet demand. For a surety, additional imposts were placed upon the Colony's residents of past generations for the purpose of meeting "from revenue" the costs involved. The least that can be said is that provision was made in the Estimates of former days for the construction of dams and catchments and that Budgets were framed so as to bring in the necessary revenue. Why, in 1937, ten, twenty, thirty, forty years later, it should be blandly suggested that the public, having once paid in hard cash or these waterworks, should pay for them all over again—at original cost—may bear every resemblance to a brainwave from the viewpoint of Government accountancy, but would in circles where the writ of Government peculiarities does not carry and invokes no moderation of tone, be regarded as somewhat in the nature of a ramp.

We do not suggest that Mr. Caine does not supply an explanation for this remarkable demand. He says, quite frankly, that if general revenue is not made up by this means extra taxation will have to be raised in some other form and the community will be no better off on balance. He adds, it is true, that the prime object of making the consumer of water pay the full cost will not be attained, which is the point on which we fundamentally disagree. The consumer has paid the capital cost in direct taxation under the heading of Public Works Extraordinary. Mr. Caine's position is strongest—and weakest—on the revenue basis. And on this basis, it would be interesting to know how the Hon. Financial Secretary squares his insistence on swelling the general revenue by high water charges with the admission that "the poor tenant will be found on balance to pay more as a result of the proposed changes in the collection of water charges, while the Hong Kong taxation system already taxes the poor more heavily in proportion to income than the wealthy" and with the concession to Peak residents who are not to be asked to pay the full cost of the water they consume. He demands the collection for fifty years of \$373,360 per annum as an easy way of "making up" the general revenue, despite his sentiments regarding the poor and what is, in reality, a severe condemnation of the Hong Kong taxation system. To us, and we believe, logically, it would matter not if the community were no better off on balance if those in the best position to meet heavier taxation were made to provide the balance. Analysed from the viewpoint of those who believed that Government were disinclined to observe the recommendation of the Economic Commission that water should not be made a source of revenue, Mr. Caine's figures are strikingly confirmatory. When it is recalled that the whole purpose of the "municipalisation" proposal was the cheapening of water, it would seem comic, were it not vexatious, that Government should make out of it a bastard child of the P.W.D. and compel the public to pay an affiliation order money. The suggestion that for fifty years

STREET FIGHTING IN TAIERCHWANG

Chinese Stand Up To New Japanese Offensive

HANKOW SURVEY OF WAR FRONT SITUATION

Hankow, To-day.

An interview in which the Chinese military situation on all fronts was reviewed, took place yesterday afternoon at the Generalissimo's headquarters at Wuchang.

General Chen Chen, garrison commander of the Wuhan cities, acting as spokesman, declared that the Japanese drives in Shansi, Shantung and Kwangteh were all frustrated, and that the biggest Japanese failure occurred in Shantung, where the Itagaki and Isogai divisions were facing complete annihilation.

The Chinese forces had cut the Tientsin-Pukow Railway at Chiehho and Lianghsien, and were pushing south along the railway.

JAPANESE ENCIRCLED

The Chinese troops, crossing the Grand Canal and pushing north, attacked and encircled the Japanese forces between Lincheng and Han-chwang.

The Japanese line between Yih-sien and Taierchwang had been broken through by the Chinese, splitting the Japanese troops into two groups, one of which is now surrounded in the vicinity of Taierchwang.

The Japanese forces at Lingyi from March 31 had retired in two directions, one heading north to Chuhsien.

SEVERE FIGHTING

When the Japanese forces stationed in west Shantung were transferred to Lincheng for an assault down the railway, the Chinese forces in west Shantung moved up and crossed the Chien Ho, cutting the railway at Tsouhsien and Tawenkou.

Yesterday morning, a telephone message from Hsuehchowfu stated that severe fighting was progressing north of Taierchwang. The Chinese command expected to clear the outskirts of the town of Japanese troops by late last night.—Reuter.

JAP. H. Q. CAPTURED

Hankow, To-day.

A report from General Tang Er-po from Taierchwang says that the 25th Division has recaptured the headquarters of a Japanese detachment belonging to the Itagaki Division, the commander of which was killed in battle.

Regarding the situation in South Shansi, the Japanese are stationing troops on the north bank of the Yellow River in order to prevent the Chinese from sending supplies and food to the

Attack In Shanghai Area Meeting With Much Success

Hankow, To-day.

Chinese military headquarters claim not only that the Japanese have neither crossed the Grand Canal nor captured Taierchwang and Han-chwang, but that the Chinese still hold portions of these towns and expect their complete evacuation by the Japanese at any moment.

Chinese H.Q. also claim that the operations southwest of Shanghai, where the Chinese are profiting by depletion of the Japanese forces who have been withdrawn to reinforce the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front, are proceeding in highly satisfactory manner.

troops operating in the south-east of the province.

The Japanese are sending detachments from the Tungpu Railway to attack Chinese units in different places. They constructed strong defences at Fenglingtu, but discovering a weak sector in the Japanese line in the vicinity of Pinglu and Yuanchu, the Chinese forces crossed the river and effected a junction with their comrades in south-east Shansi.

COMMUNICATIONS CUT

The Chinese have cut communications between Tungyangkwan and Changchi.

The original Japanese plan was to clear Shansi of Chinese troops and cross the Yellow River from west Shansi to Shensi, while simultaneously the Japanese troops in western Suiyuan would advance into Shensi from north-eastern Shansi. After the failure of the Japanese drive in Shansi, the Suiyuan campaign was abandoned.

The Kwangteh battle is by far the most important engagement on the eastern front. After the capture of the town the Chinese troops cut the highway to Hangchow and Nanking.

KWANGTEH OPERATIONS

The Chinese spokesman maintains that Japanese reports to the effect that 20,000 Chinese have been surrounded at Kwangteh represented the original Japanese plan, which failed as their assaults had been checked.

At Hangchow, Chinese troops crossed the Chientang River and re-occupied Haiyen.

The Japanese troops on the southern section of the T.P.R. have been rendered inactive as the Chinese in the hills west of Pengpu, Chuchow and Mingkwan are keeping the Japanese engaged continuously.

The Chinese review of the military situation was assisted by a number of well-prepared military maps.—Reuter.

To-day it was officially claimed that Chinese have cut the Nanking-Hangchow highway, while their forces expect to cut the Shanghai-Hangchow railway, less than 70 miles south of Shanghai, "at any minute." — Reuter.

STREET FIGHTING

Shanghai, To-day.

In spite of the Chinese and the Japanese claims of the capture of Taierchwang, it is reliably learned that street fighting between the two forces is continuing in the streets of the town, which has not fallen finally to either side.

Japanese planes are continuously raiding the Chinese troops and Japanese re-inforcements are still pouring into the sector.—Our Own Correspondent.

QUEEN MARY MAKING TOUR IN SOUTH WALES

London, To-day.

Queen Mary left London yesterday afternoon for a tour of South Wales. Her Majesty travelled in the Royal Saloon attached to an ordinary express train to Cardiff. Despite efforts to keep Her Majesty's departure as private as possible, a large crowd thronged the

VATICAN REPUDIATES VATICAN BROADCAST

Vatican City, To-day.

The Holy See has now definitely repudiated the broadcast from the Vatican radio station on Friday, in which it censured the action of the Austrian Bishops in calling the populace to vote for the Anschluss.

The newspaper "Osservatore Romano" states "It was purely a private expression of opinion, and was neither official, semi-official nor inspired." — Reuter.

VATICAN RADIO CENSORSHIP TO BE IMPOSED

Rome, To-day.

The Vatican Authorities have enacted rigorous censorship of all messages used by the Vatican City broadcasting station, according to the usually well-informed Correspondence Diplomatic, which states that this measure has been taken in consequence of a declaration concerning the political attitude of the Austrian episcopate broadcast without authority on Friday in the absence of the Director of the Vatican City broadcasting station.

The Correspondence confirms that the declaration in question was made without the knowledge of the Papal Secretariat of State.

Informed quarters here believe that the Vatican authorities wish to disassociate themselves from the views expressed in the broadcast.

NO COMMENT

The semi-official organ of the Vatican, "Osservatore Romano," has so far refrained from alluding to the incident.

The German Ambassador to the Holy See is stated to be in communication with the Papal Secretariat of State on the subject.—Trans-Ocean.

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CHINA'S NEW

Important Party Decisions By Kuomintang

Hankow, To-day.

The important decisions reached by the Party Congress of the Kuomintang which will result, above all, in the considerable strengthening of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's position, were explained by the Chinese Minister, Mr. Shao Li-tze in an interview here yesterday.

These measures, he said, would remain effective not only for the duration of war, but till entire China has become a modern, united, strong nation under the Kuomintang.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, he added, would, as supreme leader of the Kuomintang, be in a position to realise principles outlined by the founder of the Chinese Republic, Dr. Sun Yat-sen in the administration of China.

In reply to a question as to the relationship between the Kuomintang and the Government, Mr. Shao Li-tze pointed out that the Kuomintang is the supreme authority and that the present Government is composed of members of that Party. The Kuomintang would direct the work of the Government and the conflicts between the Government and the Party would thus be avoided in future.

CONCENTRATION OF POWER

By the new arrangement the concentration of power, which hitherto did not exist, would be kept secret and the conflict between the Central and the Provincial Governments, which was unavoidable under old conditions, is prevented.

The Minister then stressed that it would be wrong, however, to call Marshal Chiang Kai-shek the dictator, although the Marshal's position had been strengthened by Kuomintang's decisions.

He then pointed out that the Permanent Executive Committee, consisting of 15 persons nominated by Kuomintang, has been co-ordinated to Chiang Kai-shek.

The Marshal, however, will have the right to refer Party decisions to the Executive Committee for re-examination. Although the Kuomintang will thus be the supreme authority in China, other Parties will nevertheless, be tolerated.

PEOPLE'S COUNCIL

The Kuomintang, however, would not allow its power to be restricted during the war and during the period of national reconstruction. Other Parties will, therefore, be

allowed to submit their proposal to the Government only through "the Peoples Political Council" which will be newly formed. This Council, which might be regarded as the successor of the former "Advisory Council" will have 150 members and will be constituted in the near future.

The Council will comprise of representatives of all parties, provinces and classes and will thus take the place of the parliament, whose convocation is impossible in war times. The Council will advise the Government regarding war and reconstruction measures.—Trans-Ocean.

RT. REV. W.H. FRERE PASSES

London, To-day.

The death has occurred of the Rt. Reverend Walter Howard Frere, a former Bishop of Truro, Cornwall.

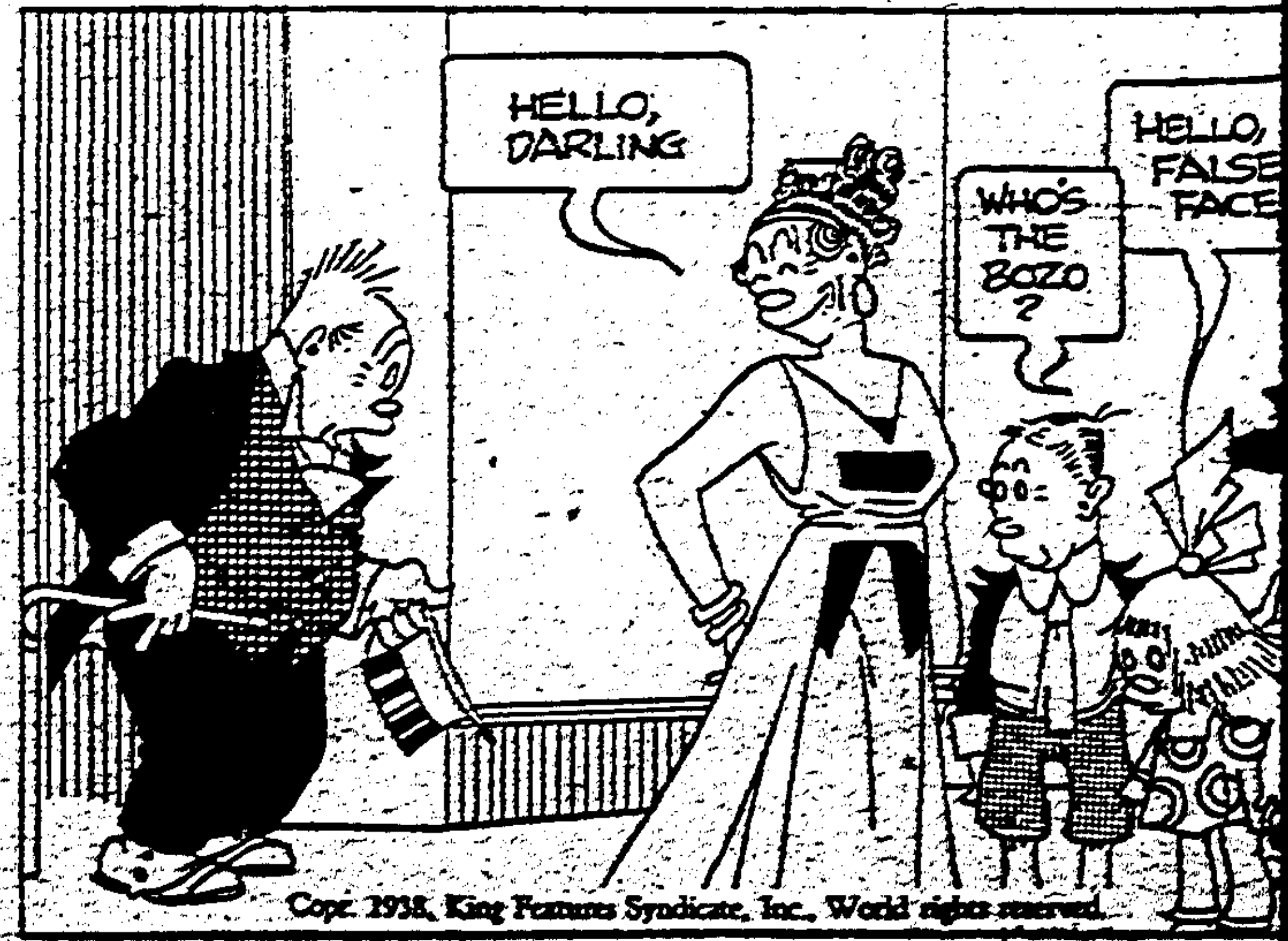
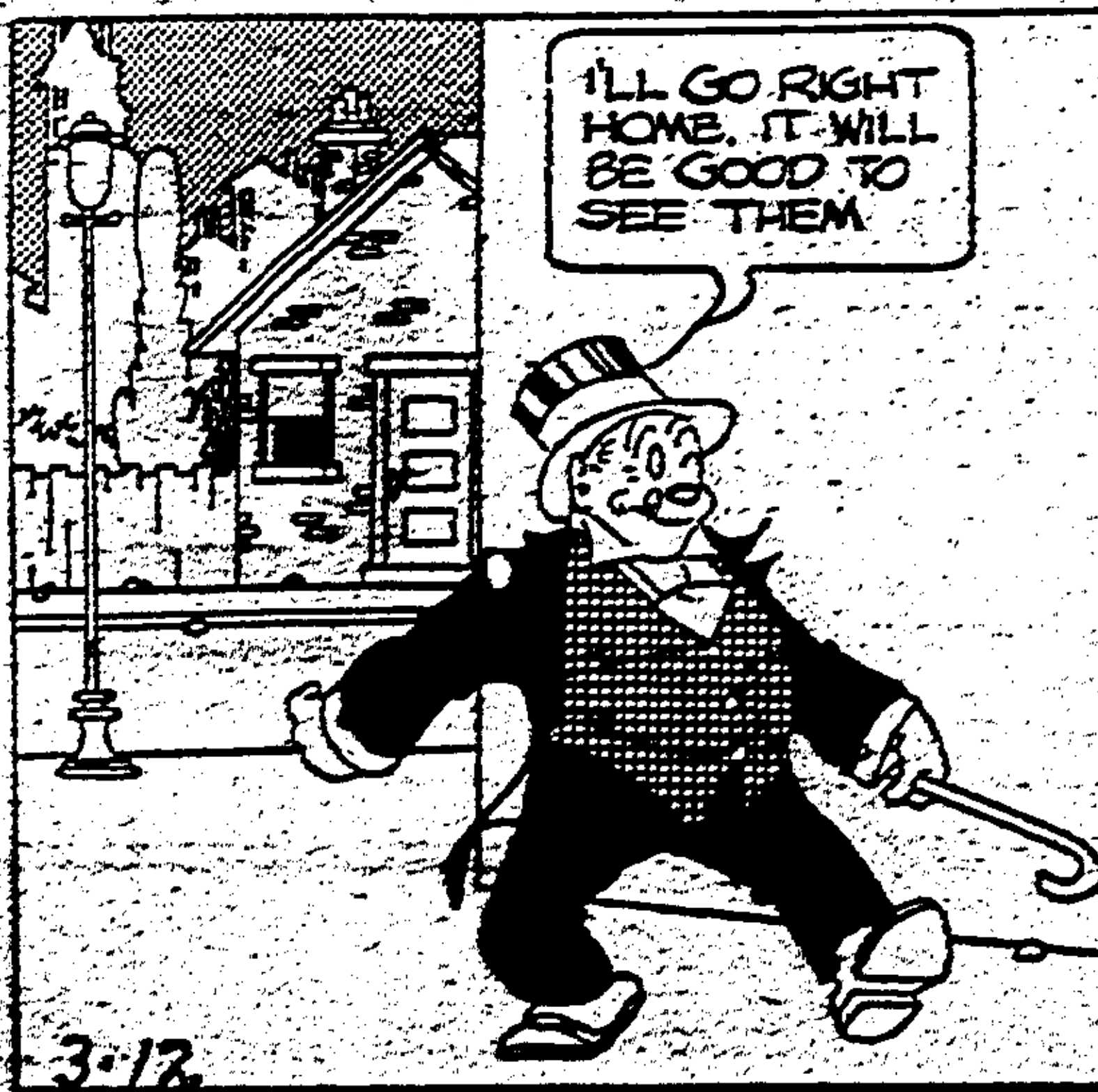
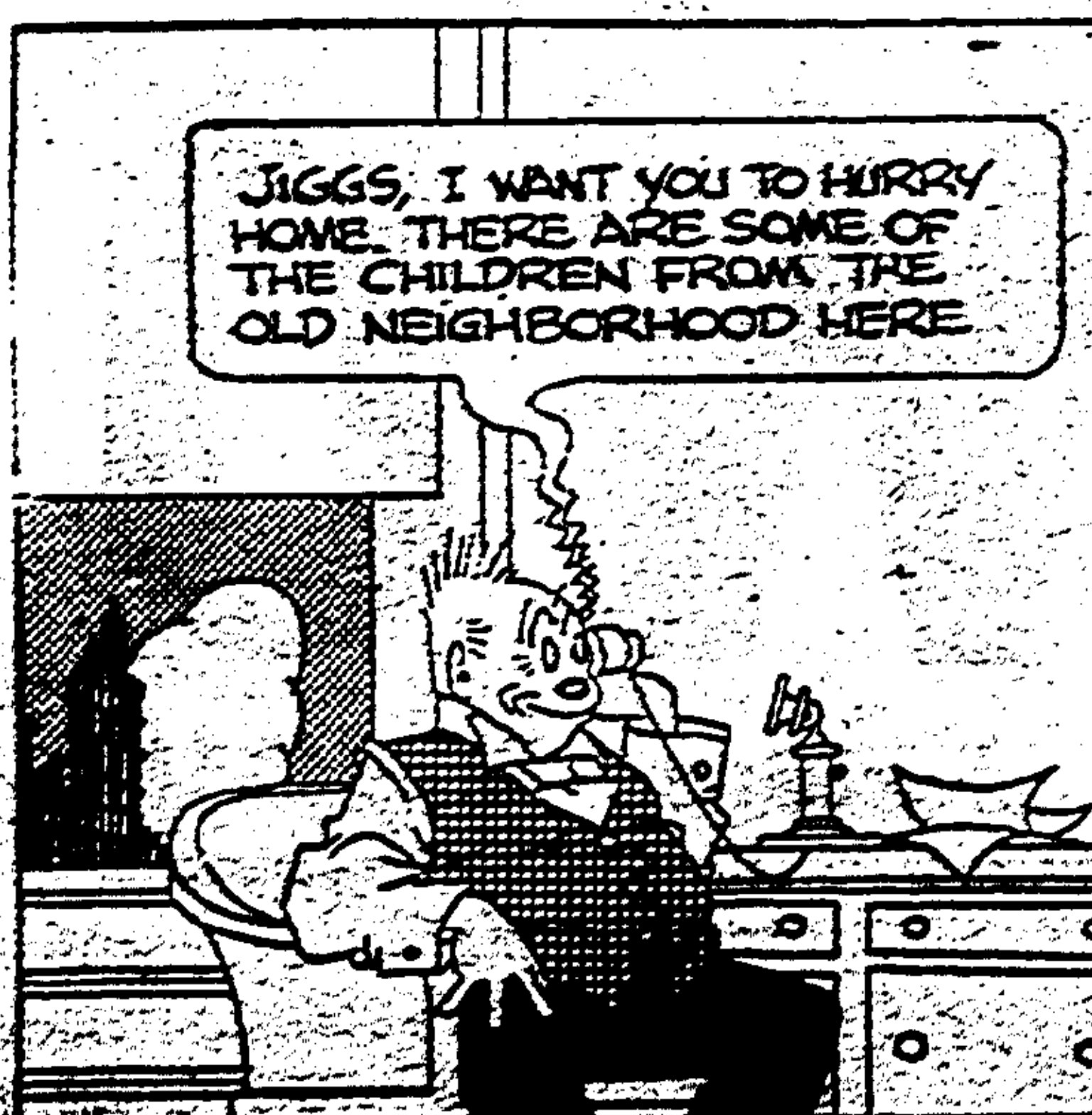
He is stated to have been the only member of a religious Order to be made an Anglican Bishop since the Reformation.—Reuter.

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Mr. T. Gregory, residing at the Hotel Cecil, knocked down a ricksha in Pedder Street yesterday while driving car No. 2037. He injured the puller who was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital.

Bringing Up Father



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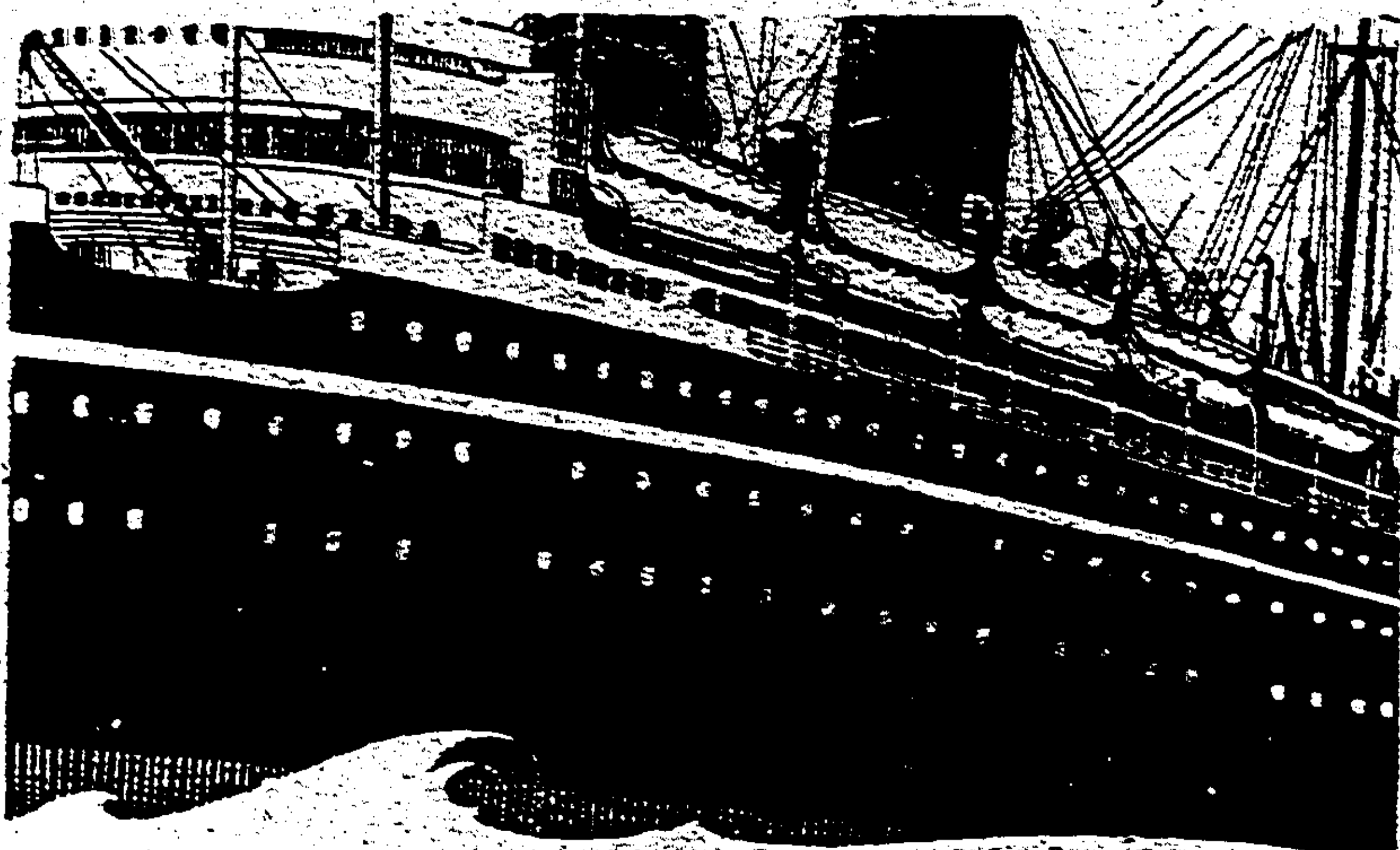
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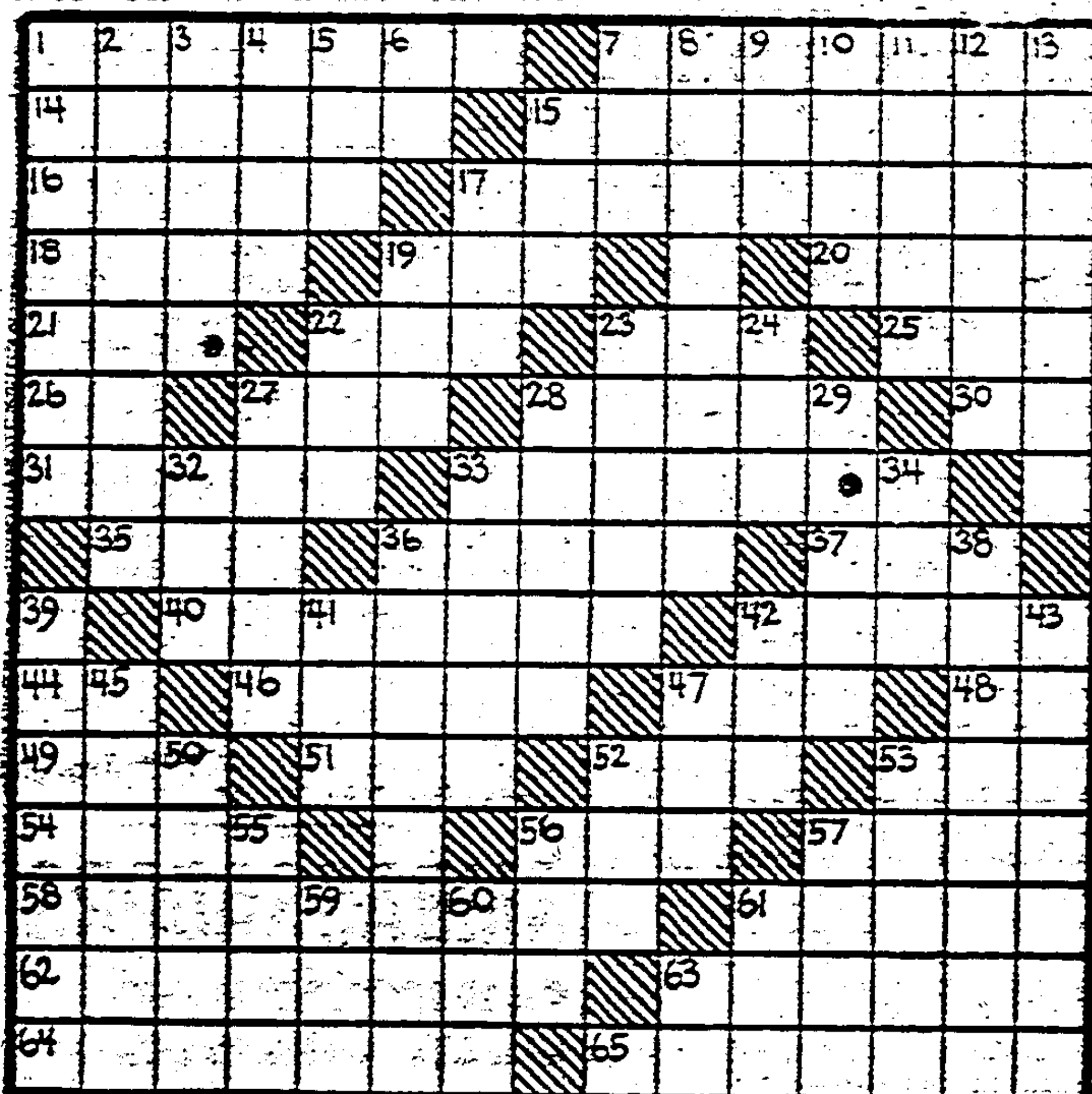
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| 1—Struggle | 48—Ever (contr.) | 13—Whirling |
| 7—Unoccupied | 51—So (Lat.) | 15—Foot-like organ |
| 14—Shakespearean play | 52—An insect | 17—Moved swiftly |
| 15—Absolved | 53—A vehicle | 19—Obtain |
| 16—A Swiss poet | 54—Electrical (abbr.) | 22—Owns |
| 17—Retired | 55—Grassy meadow | 23—Make amends for |
| 18—Dutch-English painter | 57—Separate | 24—Lash |
| 19—Auto fuel | 58—Settled | 27—Incited |
| 20—Angry | 61—Squander | 28—Fruit of the oak |
| 21—Piece out | 62—Loosely woven bunting-like fabrics | 29—A statted box |
| 22—A fowl | 63—Convalescent | 32—Swiss river |
| 23—An insect | 64—Disorder | 33—A severe ascetic |
| 25—Hawaiian garland | 65—Exerts pressure | 34—Look |
| 26—Royal Institute (abbr.) | | 36—Coloring |
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| 31—Jagged, stumpy knots | 3—Masculine name | 42—Pronoun |
| 33—Those who keep tally | 4—A weaver's reed | 43—Perch-like fish (pl.) |
| 35—Dip | 5—Combining form. Far | 45—To strike out |
| 36—Unfeeling | 6—A military title (abbr.) | 47—A beverage |
| 37—Combining form. Air | 7—Latin (abbr.) | 50—Reaper (Obs.) |
| 40—To repair | 8—Career of a knight errant | 52—Couch |
| 43—Horse | 9—Chemical suffix | 53—Hurts |
| 44—Paid (abbr.) | 10—Float aloft | 56—Stuper |
| 46—To empty | 11—Unto the time of | 57—The (Fr.) |
| 47—Definite article | 12—Staggered | 58—Strikes gently |
| 48—Father | | 59—Wring-doling |
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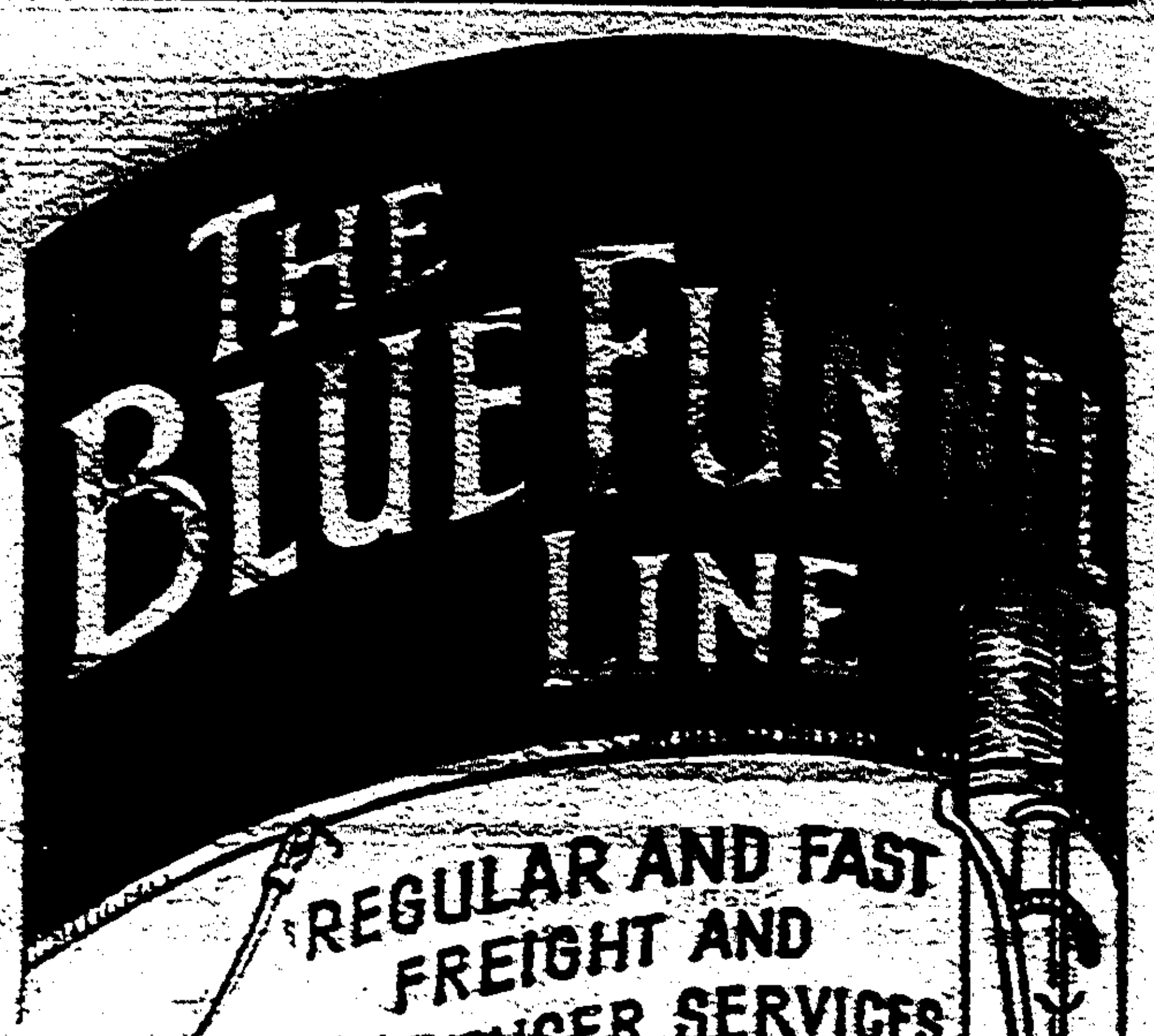
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BEKANNTMACHUNG.

Das Gesetz ueber die Meldepflicht der deutschen Staatsangehoerigen im Ausland ist am 3. Februar 1938 verkuendigt worden. Sein Wortlaut kann bei den deutschen Konsularbehoerden eingesehen werden.

Das Melderegister fuer den Amtsbezirk des Deutschen Generalkonsulats in Hongkong ist angelegt worden. Die Meldepflicht wird hiermit fuer die im Amtsbezirk lebenden deutschen einschliesslich der ehemals oesterreichischen Staatsangehoerigen mit sofortiger Wirkung in Kraft gesetzt. Fuer die erste Meldung laeuft die Frist am 15. Mai 1938 ab.

Hongkong, den 5. April 1938

Der Deutsche Generalkonsul,
 Gloppeich.

DOUGLAS COMPANY'S MEETING

(Continued from Page 4)

now been in suspense for six years?"
 Concerning the first part of my question, it had always been customary with the former Management in office up to 1932 to transfer, when it was deemed that the result of the year's working permitted it, the sum of \$30,000 to Leave and Pension Account under Contingency Reserves. For the year 1934, with a Profit of \$194,000 the sum of \$25,000 was transferred to the Account in question under its then title of "Pension and Sickness Reserve." For the year 1937 with a Profit of nearly three quarters of a million Dollars, no allocation is proposed to what now becomes known as "Leave and Pension Account" although the total to credit of that Account is now but \$30,000 as against \$47,000 in 1934. As the \$25,000 allocated in 1934 represented 13% of the Profit for that year's working, one is constrained to enquire if and why it is apparently not considered possible to transfer to Leave and Pension Account a sum which represents only just over 7% of the Profits for 1937?

HISTORY OF MATTER

Regarding the latter part of my question, the history of this aspect is that, subsequent to the proceedings at the 49th Annual General Meeting of the Company on the 29th June, 1932, the General Managers addressed to Masters in the Company's service a letter announcing the suspension of all Home leave and pensions as from the 1st October, 1932 and in that letter expressed the hope that they (the General Managers) would, "at a later date be in a position to review individual cases covering satisfactory and faithful service." That was six years ago and what has been apparent in the intervening period? Firstly, a most intensive speeding up of the Company's schedule and the running of the vessels with one navigating officer less in each than they formerly carried. This aspect alone must demonstrate the added duty hours and responsibility necessarily involved. Secondly, officers of a good type have joined the Company's service during the past six years and resigned, dissatisfied with the pay and conditions and also nebulous promises which up to the present have not materialised. Thirdly, there are now ranks in the Company's ships who have not had Home leave for ten years and it does not call for much imagination to realise that such protracted service without a break for recuperation is imposing a very severe strain indeed on the limits of the human frame. I seriously submit that the Company's finances now permit off:—

- (1) The transfer of the amount suggested in my question to the Leave and Pensions Account, and
- (2) Notification to all ranks in the Company's vessels that Home leave and pension arrangements will be resumed forthwith and will continue while the results of the Company's trading allow of the same.

PRINCIPAL OF LEAVE

I use the term "all ranks" by reason of the expression of the General Managers in their letter of the 24th September, 1932, to "individual cases." I submit that the principles of leave can only be general and not individual, for it is illogical to exercise either discrimination or distinction where health considerations are a general issue. In other words, leave is either a general condition of service in the Company or it is not and as I take it that it is the genuine wish of the General Managers to obtain and retain the services of the right type of officer then it is the service conditions which will be either an inducement or a deterrent.

In passing, a shareholder present at the Ordinary General Meeting in 1932 was recorded as stating, inter alia, and when questioning Floating Staff service conditions, "No one would object to generosity during a boom." If that gentleman is present to-day I sincerely trust that his acknowledgment of the Company's improved financial position will induce him to identify himself with the submissions I have made and thereby concur that the resumption of leave facilities and pension arrangements to the Floating Staff is, rather than "generosity," recognition of a moral obligation, suspended of necessity but the further need of which curtailment is no longer called for.

CHAIRMAN'S REPLY

The Chairman replied:—You will appreciate that I am addressing you purely as a Shareholder of the Company and not in your Official capacity. You have already heard how fully we appreciate the efforts and loyalty of our Staff and how we propose to recognise that loyalty in more than words. You must also realise that Shareholders have also had a very thin

time for the last twelve years, during which time they have only received two dividends, and even last year they were faced with a loss of \$150,000. You may however rest assured that if times are good or even fair our employees will share in the Company's prosperity.

We do not intend making rash promises which in the future we may not be able to fulfil. What has been effected for the year 1937 and proposed for the ensuing year I think you will readily admit is a very definite step in the way of meeting and protecting our employees, and step by step we do wish to make progress where Shareholders' and employees' interests are at stake.

OTHER QUESTIONS

Mr. Kirby: But will you tell me Mr. Chairman whether the company's policy is to grant leave to the general staff or to abolish it. I am asking this from the point of view of a shareholder.

Mr. Ramsay: I have already answered you from the point of view of a shareholder.

Mr. Kirby: Then you will not make a definite statement? Mr. Ramsay: No, I will not make a definite statement other than that I have just made.

Mr. Kirby: Very well, Sir.
 Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. M. H. Turner and Mr. H. V. Wilkinson were re-elected Directors, and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants could be had on application.

Mr. T. Ramsay, Chairman of the Consulting Committee, was in the chair, and was supported by Messrs. M. H. Turner and H. V. Wilkinson (members of Consulting Committee) Mr. C. L. Farmer, Secretary, and the following shareholders: Messrs. N. V. A. Croucher, J. Fleming, W. E. Kirby, Mrs. E. Martin, C. B. Brown, A. H. Potts, and J. F. Wright, Jr.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. M. H. Turner were re-elected to the Consulting Committee on the proposal of Mr. John Fleming and seconded by Mr. C. B. Brown, while Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$1,000 each on the proposal of Mr. J. F. Wright Jr., and seconded by Mrs. E. Martin.

AMBASSADORS' CONFERENCE IN HANKOW

Shanghai, To-day.

It is stated here that the British, French, American and German Ambassadors will hold an ambassadorial conference at Hankow soon after the arrival at Hankow of M. Naggiar, who is expected to arrive in Hong Kong to-day aboard a French sloop.

The main object of the conference will be to discuss the present conditions in Central China, North China, the two "puppet" regimes, and the Administration of Shanghai.

Representatives of the Chinese Government will attend the conference.

Despite official denials, there are still rumours that Japan is offering China certain terms for terminating the present conflict and these are being conveyed to Hankow by the British Ambassador.—Our Own Correspondent.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

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LABOUR UNIONS AID IN ARMS ACCELERATION

London, To-day.

The Minister for the Coordination of Defence, Sir Thomas Inskip, accompanied by the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, met the council of the Amalgamated Engineering Union yesterday afternoon.

Sir Thomas Inskip said that having regard to the present international situation, it had been necessary to examine afresh the armament programme for the purpose of considering what steps were necessary to accelerate its completion and the Government took the view that they should inform the representatives of employers and workers in the industry of the position and enlist their cooperation.

The Minister said the accelerated programme would place a new strain on the capacity of the plant and labour in the industry and suggested that the representatives of the employers and the workers should meet together to discuss how to meet the needs of the situation. Sir Thomas Inskip will today meet the Management Board of the Engineering and Allied Employers National Federation and will point out the necessity for the assistance of employers to carry through the programme.

It is expected that after the meeting a conference between the employers and the Trade Unions will take place.

UNION QUESTIONS

The President of the Union, Mr. Little, raised points regarding the purpose for which the arms were required, the use which was at present being made of skilled labour, the limitation of the profits of armament firms and the question of guarantees. A full and frank discussion took place.

Mr. Little said his Council would consider the points made by the Minister.—British Wireless.

VISHINSKY DENOUNCES KRYLENKO

Moscow, To-day.

Much attention has been aroused here by the denunciation of the former public prosecutor Krylenko, as a "traitor and saboteur" by his successor, Vishinsky, who, according to "Izvestia," in an address to the Soviet Academy of Science, charged Krylenko with having introduced "foreign conceptions into Soviet legal code" with the object of destroying the democratic character of trials in the Soviet Union.

Vishinsky went on to say that Krylenko not only organised sabotage of Soviet law but was also guilty of treason to the State. It will be recalled that Krylenko, after having served for many years as public prosecutor, was appointed Commissar of Justice from which post he was dismissed last January.—Trans-Ocean.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due at Hong Kong on April 7th at 7 p.m. and leaves Hong Kong (for Manila) on the 8th at 5 p.m.

LITVINOFF REJECTS SOVIET PROTEST

Moscow, To-day.

The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Shigemitsu, called on M. Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, yesterday and protested against the alleged intervention of Soviet planes in China. M. Litvinoff rejected the protest.

Mr. Shigemitsu alleged that during the recent fighting in China, Japanese troops brought down a plane which proved to be Soviet, and the pilot, who was taken prisoner by the Japanese, admitted he had been in the Soviet service.

Mr. Shigemitsu said this fact was regrettable and imposed particular responsibility on the Soviet.

KNOWLEDGE DENIED

M. Litvinoff denied all knowledge of the pilot and pointed out that the Soviet was equally entitled with other nations to act freely in China where according to the Japanese, no war, but only an incident, existed.

The viewpoint of the Soviet in regard to the sale of armaments including aeroplanes, to China fully conformed with universally accepted standards of international law.

BOTH SUPPLIED

M. Litvinoff pointed out that armaments had been supplied to Japan as well as to China from a number of countries, and concluded that the Japanese protest was all the more strange in view of the fact that the Japanese were still detaining a Soviet mail plane and several ships, and had failed to complete payment for the Chinese Eastern Railway.—Reuter.

MORE ARRESTS IN RUSSIA

Moscow, To-day.

It is announced that numerous arrests of "Trotskyists and Bucharinists" were made during the week-end by order of the People's Commissariat for Home Affairs in Moscow, Leningrad, Kharkov and Kiev.

All the arrested persons were employed in various public departments notably in the Water Transport Commissariat.

They are accused of attempting to organise a counter-revolutionary movement among the personnel of the Soviet merchant navy.

Although no official figures are forthcoming it is believed that the number of arrests total several thousands.—Trans-Ocean.

H.M.S. HOOD AT BARCELONA

London, To-day.

It is announced that H.M.S. Hood has arrived at Barcelona where the commander will discuss with the British authorities there, the question of the safety of British nationals and arrange for early evacuation should the necessity arise.—British Wireless.

SIR FREDERICK WHYTE ON CHINA

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Sir Frederick Whyte, former Political Adviser to the Nanking Government, yesterday address-

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ABSENTEES FROM MEN'S TRIAL

Pritam Nath Will Be Sailing On Morning Of The Interport Match

BOND STILL ON INJURED LIST AND WHITLEY NOT VERY KEEN!

(By "STICKS")

ALL interest in the local hockey world are now centred on the forthcoming Interport match against the Macao Hockey Club, which will take place in the Colony next Sunday week, April 17, on a ground yet to be named. The last Colony trial was held last Sunday, but before the final selection is made, a practice game will be held to-morrow evening, on the U.S.R.C. ground, at King's Park.

There were several curious features in last Sunday's trial. One was the non-appearance of A. E. P. Guest, in either trial, and, although he is not quite as good as either Wallace or Stickley, he should have been invited to play as he is the next best. Other well known players who were conspicuous by their absence were Lient. Pritam Nath, who is leaving the Colony for India on April 16, V. C. Bond, the Club left-winger, who is still on the injured list and who would have been well worth a trial, if he had been fit, and Grogan, of the Middlesex Regiment, who should have been given a chance to prove his worth.

I know that it is virtually impossible for the Selectors to see every hockey player in the Colony in action, but I do suggest that some attention be given to suggestions in sports columns.

I expressed my views on Sunday's trial in yesterday's issues of the "China Mail" and have not much more to add to them, except that it would be a crime to take Partaub Singh away from the left-wing and play him inside and to move Pyara Singh to the outside berth. The latter has always played either as a centre-forward or an inside-man and I am sure that any change from either of these positions would have a disastrous effect on his play, despite his performance on the wing in the first trial, which will probably influence the selectors in moving him outside. To-morrow's practice game should, however, decide the issue.

NOT KEEN ENOUGH

One of the Colony's outstanding forwards is Tom Whitley, of the Central British Association, but for some unknown reason he refuses to participate in any representative match, although he is well worth his place and together with G. H. Fowler, at centre-forward, and S. A. Fowler, on the right-wing, might well combine to make the most dangerous Colony forward combination for several seasons.

All three have played together during the current season and their understanding is excellent. It was a pity that he was not persuaded to participate in the Interport trials.



SMALL UNITS HOCKEY FINAL

The final of the Army Small Units Hockey Competition will take place to-day, at 4 p.m., on the Sookunpoo ground, the finalists being the 3rd Medium Battery, H.K.S.R.A. and the Headquarters Wing, 1st Middlesex Regiment.



V. C. Bond, the Club and C.B.A. left-winger, has been conspicuous by his absence from the Interport hockey trials. I understand that he is still on the injured list.

C.B.S. "B" DID COME SECOND IN BRAUN CUP COMPETITION

MISS J. EWING IN TOP FLIGHT

There is very little else one can comment on in the two champions versus the Rest matches, which brought to a conclusion the H.K.L.H.A. season, last Saturday, except that the choice of a neutral ground in preference to he best available was a sad mistake.

The two games were chock full of incident, although the first clash, between the Central British School "A" and the Junior Rest, was much the better of the two.

It is a strange coincidence that a Central British Schoolgirl should contribute towards her own school's downfall, but this is what actually happened. I refer to Miss Jean Ewing, the Rest right-winger, whose performance places her among the top-flight wingers in the Colony. She was tireless in her efforts to get the ball into the School's goal-mouth, and it was from her resultant centre that Mrs. Williams netted the winning goal.

A mixup occurred before the presentation of trophies when it was discovered that Club de Recreio



S. A. Fowler, the Club and C.B.A. forward, is almost a certainty for the Interport right-wing position and will be seen in action to-morrow evening in the final practice game before the final selection is made.

YESTERDAY'S TENNIS RESULTS

SINGLES

H. D. Rumjahn beat T. A. Pearce 6-2, 6-4.
S. S. Hussain beat H. Owen Hughes 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

TSUI TO MEET FINCHER

To-day's Tennis On Stand Court

(By "ADREM")

Tsui Wai-pui, the brilliant young Chinese Recreation Club player, and firm favourite for the Colony Singles Tennis title, should be able to demonstrate his potentialities this afternoon.

As yet he has not been extended and has never been forced to play at more than half speed. His opponent to-day is Teddy Fincher, whom he will meet on the Stand Court.

Fincher has years of tournament play behind him in local tournaments and has invariably given a good showing but I am not going to suggest for one moment that he will ever seriously worry Tsui this afternoon.

Nevertheless, I have little doubt that Tsui will have to put out some of his most accurate passing shots if the K.C.C. player adopts his usual policy of aggression from the forecourt and finds his forehand drive in working order.

It is unlikely that three sets will be necessary to-day but spectators may be treated to quite a thrilling opening set as Fincher normally, gets away to a good start.

PROGRAMME

Open Singles (Stand Court)
Tsui Wai-pui v E. C. Fincher.
Club Handicap Singles
T. A. Pearce (-15) v L. M. S. Lloyd (scr.).
J. A. H. Douglass (-2/6) or E. R. Childe (1/6) v H. J. Armstrong (-15) or G. W. Sewell (-15).
Mixed Doubles Handicap
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. D. Wodehouse (-3/6) v Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Storey (-3/6).
A. T. Dow and Miss M. Corrigan (-2/6) v B. O'M. Deane and Miss Joan Armstrong (-15).

Ladies had secured 14 points for the season, tying with C.B.S. "B" for second place, but St. Andrew's Ladies also laid claims to being runners-up but I find that the Schoolgirl have in reality come second and give their respective records:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
C.B.S. "B"	12	7	3	2	16
Recreio Ladies	12	6	4	2	14
St. Andrew's	12	5	3	4	14

RUMJAHN DEFEATS T. A. PEARCE

BOTH PLAYERS ERRATIC

(By "ADREM")

Only for one short period yesterday did the championship tennis at the Hong Kong Cricket Club rouse more than passing interest, and that was when Alec Pearce took a lead of 4-2 against H. D. Rumjahn in the second of their two sets.

Even when this happened, however, I don't think anybody really thought that "H.D." would drop the set. Rather it was due to a series of careless shots on his part and, from what I could gather, an error in the score in the fifth game which gave Pearce game when it should have been "deuce."

It was a dull match throughout. Both players appeared to be affected by the heat and were most lethargic. Mistakes on both sides of the net were the order rather than the exception and most rallies were brief.

LACKED RYTHM

Pearce did very well to secure six games and at times played some very nice strokes. Nevertheless, generally speaking, his game lacked rhythm. His backhand leaves a great deal of room for improvement being at the moment, essentially a defensive stroke. His forehand was much more impressive and when hit flat-racket into the backhand corner, gave even the seasoned Rumjahn something to think about.

For the most part, however, it lacked length, and Rumjahn was never seriously inconvenienced. Early in the match, Pearce made numerous ill-advised advances to the net and when not passed, proved too ill-equipped in the way of volleying to justify these ventures.

BEST ASSET

His high-kicking service proved his best asset and gave Rumjahn a great deal of trouble throughout the match.

I have rarely seen the winner make so many errors. Probably the spin which Pearce was getting on many of his shots, caused him to hit too soon and numerous of his usually reliable forehand drives finished in the bottom of the net.

A match chiefly remarkable for its extremely low standard, saw S. S. Hussain advance at the expense of Owen Hughes over three very dull sets.

HAGEN AND KIRKWOOD FOR HONG KONG

Two of the world's most famous professional golfers, Walter Hagen and Joe Kirkwood, are expected to arrive in the Colony next Saturday morning on board the m.v. Victoria. They are on a tour, and recently gave exhibitions in Singapore.

It is not yet certain whether they will continue on board the Victoria, but it is hoped that arrangements will be made for them to give an exhibition while in the Colony.

The most likely dates would be April 9 and 10, and as soon as arrangements are complete further announcements will be made.

LEAGUE REVIEW OF P.R.C. AND H.K.C.C.

CLUB LACKING IN PERSONALITIES

A. E. CAREY IS "STAR" AT POLICE R. C.

POPE TAKES MOST WICKETS

(By "ADREM")

THE two clubs under review to-day are the Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Police Recreation Club.

THE FORMER WERE WELL IN THE RUNNING FOR THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP UNTIL THEY LOST UNEXPECTEDLY TO THE KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB, BEING DISMISSED FOR 65 AFTER BEING SET A MERE 85 TO GET.

It is many years since they have had a team so lacking in personalities. Rather it should be said that many personalities were there but failed to accomplish their usual spectacular achievements.

I should imagine that Owen Hughes and Alec Pearce have rarely had such bad seasons. Had not the former made 88 in his last game, against Craigengower, his figures would have looked very sorry indeed.

In attack, Club were even more badly served. R. L. Holden left early in the season and Owen Hughes bore the brunt of the work. Alec Pearce, in this department, also met with little success, although his brother, John, a newcomer, captured 12 scalps with his leg-breaks.

THE POLICE

The Police had an average season and did as well as they usually do. Their "star" player has been their skipper, A. E. Carey, who made 236 runs and, in addition, topped the bowling averages.

Pope proved remarkably consistent and on his showing was probably the finest bowler in the Junior Division. His record of 41 wickets in League matches for an average of 7.92, shows extraordinary consistency.

Baker was disappointing at the outset but recovered his form in his last three games, when he took no fewer than 14 wickets.

HONG KONG C.C.

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
7	2	1	4	10
145 for 7	beat C.S.C.C.	118		
161	7 drew with Navy	147 for 8		
162	9 drew with Army	139		
142	beat C. de R.	101		
65	lost to K.C.C.	85		
160	9 dec.			
	drew with L.R.C.	147		
169	9 dec.			
	drew with C.C.C.	137		
1,004 for 61		874 for 62		
Average per wicket	16.46	against		
14.09				

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
3	32	2	43	43.00
R. D. Allen	3	77	1	78
E. Marshall	5	75	1	128
T. A. Pearce	5	52	0	128
H. Owen Hughes	7	88	0	173
J. B. H. Leckie	3	23	0	59
M. F. L. Haymes	6	27	0	78
L. E. Bide	6	24	0	78
A. W. Hayward	7	23	1	63
The following also batted:				
Kilbee (48, 5, 10, 22, 0), H. W. Baines (14, 3, 1, 5), A. E. Mackenzie (1), R. L. D. Wodehouse (3), E. E. H. Nelson (7), J. L. C. Pearce (19, 1, 2, 1), H. D. Bidwell (1), M. R. Swain (1*), J. K. Birt (0), J. H. Fox (0, 5*), F. A. Dunnett (8*, 4*), H. B. Neve (6), G. J. P. Carey (0), C. E. Gahagan (0).				



Bowling	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
M. F. L. Haymes	15.1	3	46	6	7.67
J. B. H. Leckie	34.1	3	85	11	7.73
J. L. C. Pearce	31.5	1	132	12	11.00
H. Owen Hughes	71	4	285	20	14.25
R. D. Allen	31	6	75	5	15.00
T. A. Pearce	18	2	94	3	31.33

The following also bowled:—A. C. I. Bowker (6-0-23-0), R. L. Holden (10-3-16-3), R. L. D. Wodehouse (5-1-24-1), M. R. Swain (9-2-19-1), H. W. Baines (4-1-24-0).

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
10	5	3	2	17
113	beat C. de R.	42		
135	lost to C.C.C.	181 for 6		
44	lost to Army "A"	48		
124	beat H.K.C.C.	88		
131 for 7	drew with Navy	82		
191	beat Army "B"	123		
188	8 drew with Univ.	155		
171	beat L.R.C.	46		
189	8 beat C.S.C.C.	67		
63	lost to K.C.C.	94		

1,349 for 93 926 for 92
Average per wicket 14.52 against 10.06

Batting	Not			
Inns.	H.S.	Out	Aggr.	Av.

W. L. Clark	5	75	1	114	28.50
A. E. Carey	10	60	0	236	23.60
C. Pope	10	57	0	194	19.40
J. L. Stephens	8	61	1	121	17.29
H. Danbrowsky	10	31*	3	102	14.57
P. H. Loughlin	10	41	0	141	14.10
T. R. Hunter	10	32	0	103	10.30
N. D. Booker	7	54	0	60	8.57

The following also batted:—E. S. Brookes (7, 13, 4, 8, 4), B. G. Baker (3, 0, 0, 4, 19, 4, 1, 12, 2), G. Carruthers (13, 0*, 7, 4, 1, 0, 11), W. Oakley (4, 0*, 7, 17*, 1), J. Shepherd (0, 10, 16), A. Weir (9, 4*, 1), L. G. Stevens (0), E. G. Post (1).

Bowling	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
A. E. Carey	26	3	85	13	6.54
C. Pope	128.3	29	325	41	7.92
B. G. Baker	86.5	18	264	28	9.43
T. R. Hunter	9	0	31	1	31.00
H. Danbrowsky	16	0	97	2	48.50
J. L. Stephens	8	0	41	2	N. D.
Booker (2-0-3-0), E. S. Brookes (2-0-7-0).					

The following held catches:—P. H. Loughlin (8), C. Pope (5), J. L. Stephens (5), N. D. Booker (4), T. R. Hunter (3), A. E. Carey (3), J. Shepherd (3), W. L. Clark (2), H. Danbrowsky (2), W. Oakley (2), B. G. Baker and G. Carruthers.

W. L. Clark stumped two.

MILWALL TROUNCE ALDERSHOT

London, To-day.—In a Third Division (South) match, yesterday Milwall beat Aldershot by four clear goals.—Reuter.



H. Owen Hughes, left, and T. A. Pearce, have had unusually lean seasons.



H.K. BASEBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Constitution Of The League Approved

Consideration of a draft constitution for the Hong Kong Baseball League occupied the attention of the members, who met at the Brook Club yesterday. The constitution was finally approved. Mr. W. Muir was in the Chair, assisted by Mr. W. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

The question of a ground once more arose and it was stated that with the British Navy remaining in the Colony for the summer, their ground would not be available.

Under that section of the constitution dealing with umpires, Mr. Abe Lou, coach of the Chinese team, was elected Umpire-in-Chief and Chairman of the Umpires Board.

DISQUALIFIED!

Another important point which was included was that any team walking off the field would be disqualified for the remainder of the season.

It was hinted by Mr. H. A. Barros, Recreio's representative, that there was a great possibility of his club entering a team in the League this year.

F. A. 75TH BIRTHDAY BANQUET

The Football Association will celebrate the 75th year of its formation with a banquet in London on October 31. It was founded in 1863. A match between Great Britain and the Continental countries has been suggested to mark the occasion.

QUESTION OF BONA FIDE MEMBERSHIP

H.K.F.A. Council Meeting

The controversy over the playing of A. Avery, of the Islington Corinthians, by the Kowloon Football Club, in their Shield match against the Middlesex Regiment, was again brought up at the monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Council yesterday. It was in consequence of a reply received from the Club to the letter written by the Council pointing out that such action was bad form and that under no circumstances should it be repeated.

The Club replied by saying that the Committee felt very strongly the unwarranted attack and that they were looking forward to a retraction of the unjustified criticism of unsportsmanship. Further, they deplored the procedure taken by the Council, which was both unusual and unfair, as the alleged offender was not given a chance to explain.

It was unanimously decided to write another letter to the Kowloon Football Club, asking if the rule concerning bona-fide members had been complied with in the case of Avery.

COMPETITION FINALS

Other matters dealt with at the meeting were the fixing of grounds for the following matches:

Senior Shield Final—South China "A" v. South China "B", Club ground, April 24.

Junior Shield Final—Kwong Wah v. R.A.O.C. Kowloon Football Club ground, April 16.

Sunday Herald Cup Final—China v. England, Club ground, April 10.

On the suggestion of Mr. McKelvie, it was agreed to ask Mrs. Pryde to present the prizes at the Senior Shield final.

The Council also decided to leave the question of an interport (Second Division) with Macao to the Management Committee with full powers to do whatever they think best.

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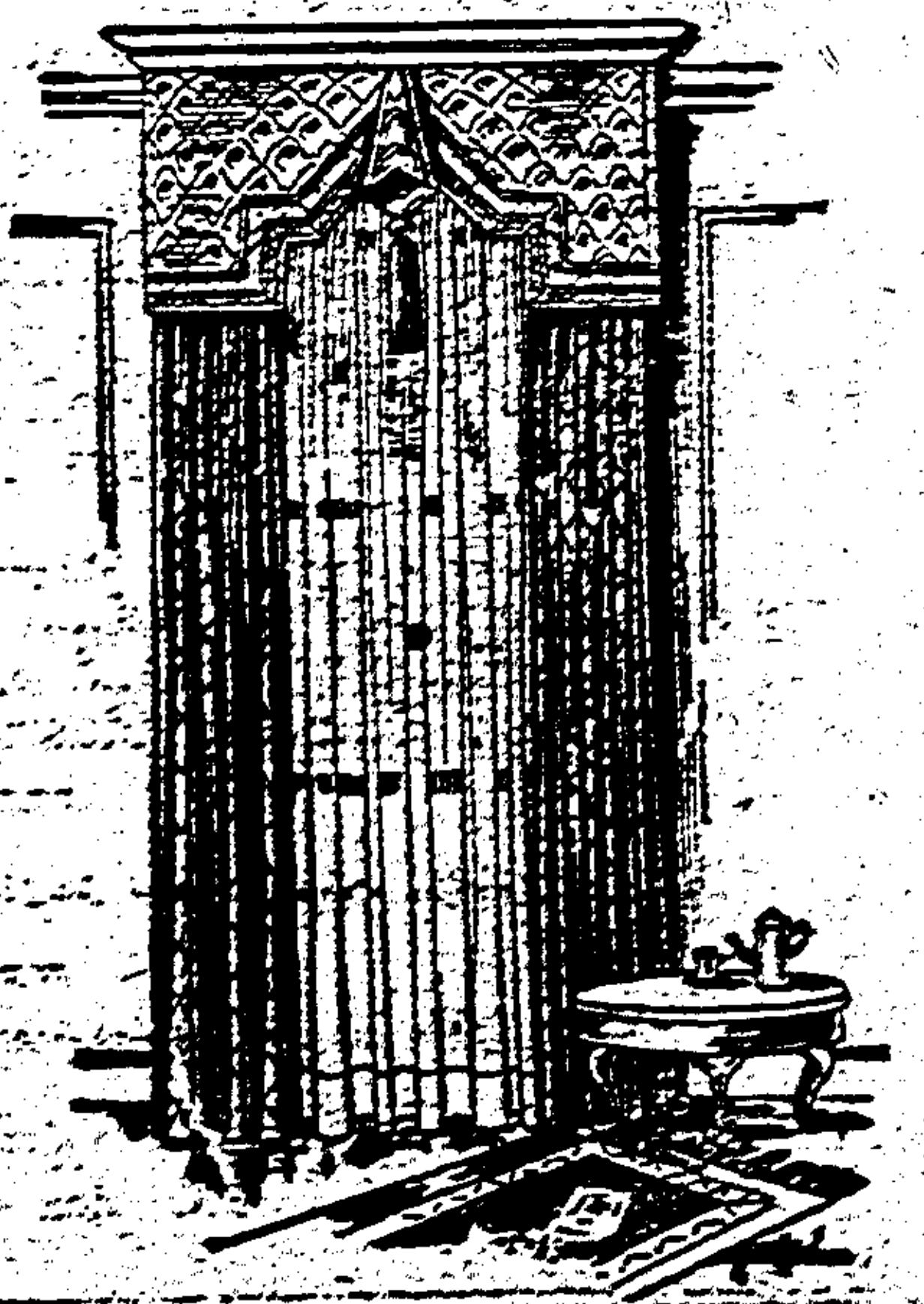
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ARMY WIN SERVICES HOCKEY TITLE

EIGHT-BALL OVER IS WELCOMED

OPINIONS ON THE NEW COUNTY RULES

London, February 24.

There has been a general welcome for the trial of the eight-ball over in 1939, and the new method of scoring in the County Championship which is to take effect this summer.

These innovations were recommended by the Advisory County Cricket Committee which met at Lord's on Tuesday to discuss the Findlay Commission report.

The view-point of those who pay to watch cricket is well expressed by Hendren, the former Middlesex and England player. He says of the eight-ball over:

"It saves time, and that is what the public want. They want their moneys-worth."

Other opinions are:

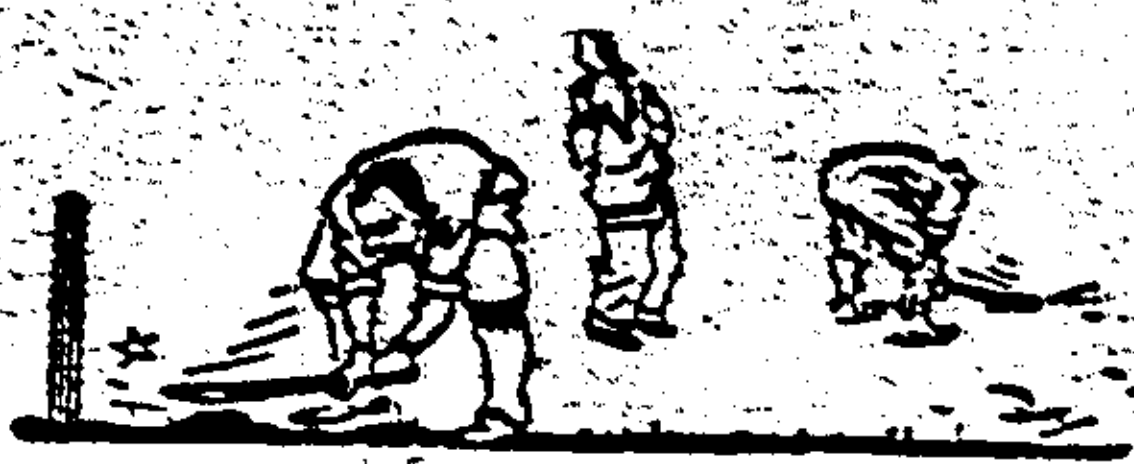
R. W. V. Robins (Middlesex captain):

"The people mainly concerned will be the fast bowlers. I do not consider it will make the slightest difference to the slow-medium or slow bowlers. On the Australia tour I did not think our fast bowlers felt any extra strain, but hours were shorter. One good thing about the new scoring is that the side which has won first-innings points will probably go 'slap out' for the extra eight points. They keep their four points for the lead, even if beaten."

E. R. T. Holmes (Surrey captain):

"I am in favour of the eight-ball over. It is impossible for anyone to say whether it will be a success here, but it is very well worth trying. The altered scoring will make teams go out for a win."

M. S. Nichols (Essex and England fast bowler):



"The eight-ball over should not prove a strain to fast bowler, provided they are properly supported. If you have a batsman tied up, the extra balls might serve to beat him. From a batsman's angle, the additional deliveries would help him, when he was seeing the ball, to score a few more runs each over."

LARWOOD AND VOCE AGAINST Nottinghamshire were against the eight-ball over at Tuesday's meeting. At their own annual meeting recently it was disclosed that Larwood and Voce, their fast bowlers, had both written opposing the proposal.

Had the new scheme of scoring points in the County Championship been in operation last season, the top six counties would have finished thus:

	Pts.	Avg.	Glos.	Pts.	Avg.
York	232	8.28	Glos.	192	6.40
Middx.	196	8.16	Essex	168	6.22
Derby	180	6.92	Sussex	192	6.00

LUTON FORWARD SUSPENDED

E. Hancock, the Luton Town forward, has been suspended for 14 days from Feb. 15 and fined five guineas by the F. A. as the result of an inquiry into an alleged incident during the London Combination match between Chelsea Reserves and Luton Town Reserves at Stamford Bridge on Jan. 22. Hancock was sent off.

BIRMINGHAM'S NEW CHAIRMAN

Owing to ill-health and increased business calls, Mr. Howard Cant has resigned from the chairmanship of Birmingham F. C. Mr. H. Morris, the vice-chairman, will take over the chairmanship, and at the unanimous request of the other directors Mr. Cant will remain on the board.

NAVY AND MARINES BEATEN 3-1

Fine Play By Irish International

(By HARRY E. HASLAM)

Army 3 R.N. & R.M. 1

GIVEN a tougher fight than was expected, the Army, at Aldershot yesterday, beat the Royal Navy and Marines and won the Inter-Services Championship.

Yesterday's match was typical of most of those between the rival Services; far more strenuous than scientific. After leading by 1-0 at half-time, the Army did not make quite sure until they scored their third goal on the stroke of time.

The Navy, who made a late forward change, had a very fine goalkeeper in Scott-Bell, and their full-backs also showed excellent form, while the inside forwards did much good work.

Although the Army had the larger share of the play, their forwards for the most part were well marked, while the Army defence had to be very alert against the open game of the Navy forwards.

Coulson, the Irish international, worked tremendously hard at centre-half for the Army. His stick-work was splendid, but in his enthusiasm he tried to do too much.

ARMY ATTACK SHINE

Godfrey, the Army's right-back, was up to his usual standard, and had good support from Golder, but I have seen the Army forwards, who were inclined to bunch; play better. Foster, at outside-left, was the best of the line. Kent, in goal, made several daring saves.

After 25 minutes Golder, from a short corner, scored for the Army. Twelve minutes after the interval Cairnes added the second. Then, receiving from Muspratt, Bennett ran through to reduce the lead. Just before the end Dundas hit the Army's third.

Army:—L. Sgt. W. Kent (R.E.); W/o. A. W. Godfrey (R.E.C.), Sgt. A. J. Golder (R.T.C.); Capt. G. S. Grimston (Queens R.), Lt. D. J. Coulson (R.T.C.), Cpl. W. Mills (R. Signals); Lt. J. G. S. Ker (R.A.), Lt. J. D. L. Dickson (R.A.), Capt. J. E. Cairnes (R.T.C.), Lt. H. A. C. Dundas (R.A.), Lt. N. L. Foster (R.E.A.).

R. Navy & Marines:—Lt. Cmdr. T. I. Scott Bell (H.M.S. Hawkins); Lt. Cmdr. G. P. U. Morris (Excellent) (capt.), Instr. Lt. Cmdr. E. I. Spinks (Erebus); Lt. W. D. Muspratt (Vernon), Lt. Cmdr. E. C. L. Day (Erebus), Lt. A. Davies (Excellent); Sub-Lt. (E.) G. P. Blake (R.N.E.C. Keyham), Lt. Bennett (Dunedin), Sub-Lt. D. W. Kirke (R.A.F. Gosport), Lt. (E.) W. H. Forbes (Pembroke), Sub-Lt. R. H. M. Hancock (Dolphin).

	Goals	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Army	3	2	0	0	9	2	4	
R.A.F.	2	1	0	1	3	7	2	
R.N. & R.M.	2	0	0	2	2	5	0	

DOUGLAS HUNT FOR WEDNESDAY

London, March 2. — Sheffield Wednesday yesterday signed from Barnsley Douglas Hunt, the centre-forward who was recently placed on the transfer list at his own request. The fee is understood to be near £3,000. Hunt, who was Barnsley's leading scorer this season with 12 goals, joined them from Tottenham Hotspur last March.

MISS SCRIVEN LOSES RIVIERA TENNIS FINAL

Polish Champion At Her Best

Defeat Of British Doubles Pair

(By A. WALLIS MYERS)

Monte Carlo, March 7.

The British bid for titles at Monte Carlo failed yesterday when Miss Scriven was beaten in the final of the women's singles by Mlle. Jedzejowska, and Miss Yorke and Miss Nuthall yielded to Mme. Mathieu and Mlle. Boegner in the final of the Beaumont International Doubles.

The Polish champion beat Miss Scriven 6-4, 6-3. She not only avenged defeat at Beaulieu the previous week, but showed that she has now recovered the form which carried her into the finals at Wimbledon and Forest Hills last year.

There were long driving rallies, and Mlle. Jedzejowska did not win all of them. She had more controlled speed on both wings, and her service, unlike Miss Scriven's, did not attract an attacking blow.

The first set was even, and a few overdriven balls by Miss Scriven decided it. In the second set Miss Scriven's backhand defence proved vulnerable.

WON ONLY 4 GAMES

Miss Nuthall and Miss Yorke only won four games—all in the first set, against the holders of the Beaumont Cup. The second set saw Mme. Mathieu forcing countless errors by her tactical acumen and Miss Nuthall constantly netting. Miss Yorke appeared rather discouraged as the score mounted, and at the finish the French pair were in moral ascendancy.

Neither loser won a set in the men's singles semi-final. Bolelli, a tired man, could do nothing against the brilliant attack of Boussus and Poncec won his first victory over Hecht.

BOUSSUS OVERWHELMED

To-day Poncec overwhelmed Boussus in the final, winning 6-0, 6-1, 6-1. The Yugoslav made the first error after taking first 11 games, and his accuracy and anticipation alike were remarkable.

Miss Jedzejowska was unbeaten in the championship events. She and Miss Thomas beat Miss Scriven and Miss Yorke, 6-3, 6-2, in the final of the women's doubles, and with her compatriot, Mlle. Hebdia, the Polish champion, beat Brugnion and Miss Wheeler, 7-5, 6-4 in the final of the mixed doubles.

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TEAMS FOR NEXT SATURDAY'S SOCCER CLASSIC

England To Meet
Scotland At
Wembley

London, To-day.

The English and Scottish International Football League teams for next Saturday's encounter at the Wembley Stadium, have been selected as follows:

England: — Woodley (Chelsea); Sproston (Leeds) and Hapgood (Arsenal); Willingham (Huddersfield); Cullis (Wolves) and Copping (Arsenal); Matthews (Stoke), Hall (Tottenham), Fenton (Middlesbrough), Stephenson (Leeds United) and Bastin (Arsenal).

Scotland: — Cumming (Middlesbrough); Anderson (Hearts) and Beattie (Preston); Shankly (Preston), Smith (Preston) and Brown (Rangers); Milne (Middlesbrough), Walker (Hearts), Frank O'Donnell (Blackpool), Match (Preston) and Reid (Brentford).

In spite of the fact that great interest is still being maintained in next Saturday's classic, England have already won the International Tournament, while Ireland are at present second, although if Scotland win, they will share the runners-up berth.

The following is the present standings of the four International teams:—

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TABLE TO DATE									
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.		
England	2	2	0	0	7	2	4		
Ireland	3	1	1	1	3	6	3		
Wales	3	1	2	0	3	4	2		
Scotland	2	0	1	1	2	3	1		
	10	4	4	2	15	15	10		

RECREIO RUNNERS-UP TO H.K. UNIVERSITY

Beat Chinese "Y"
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Match

Club de Recreio beat the Chinese Y.M.C.A. by 5 sets to 4 in their "A" Division Badminton League match, at the Taikoo Club last night and as a result are runners-up to H.K. University.

Last night's scores were:—
L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio).
lost to P. H. Wong and C. Au 17-21
beat F. Koh and S. Y. Hon 24-20
beat H. Koh and A. Chuang 21-6
M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios (Recreio).
lost to Wong and Au 16-21
beat F. Koh and Hon 21-7
beat H. Koh and Chuang 21-13
H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves (Recreio).
lost to Wong and Au 20-24
lost to F. Koh and Hon 20-23
beat H. Koh and Chuang 21-6

HENRY PICARD WINS AUGUSTA MASTERS' GOLF TOURNAMENT

Augusta, To-day.

The annual Augusta Masters' Golf Tournament, which attracts the major stars in America, was yesterday won by Henry Picard, a member of America's Ryder Cup team, whose net aggregate totalled 285, giving him a margin of two strokes over Henry Cooper and Ralph Guldahl, also American Ryder Cup players, who tied for second place with aggregates of 287.

B. T. "Bobby" Jones, probably the finest golfer the world has ever known, finished well down the list with an aggregate of 297.

Detailed scores were:—
Henry Picard 71-72-72-70-285
Henry Cooper 68-77-71-71-287
Ralph Guldahl 73-76-73-71-287
Paul Runyan 71-73-74-70-288
Bobby Jones 74-76-72-75-297



The above picture shows the Cambridge University Boat-Race crew at the Hurlingham Club, Fulham, where they prepared for their unsuccessful race against Oxford. (Fox Copyright).



15 SECONDS K. O. IN ARMY BOXING FINALS

Private Wigzell's
Classic Punch

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, March 5.
Among many knock-outs which enlivened the finals of the Army and Territorial Army boxing championships at the Albert Hall last night, one accomplished by Private W. Wigzell in defence of the Territorial other ranks feather-weight title was one of the most remarkable seen in amateur boxing for several years.

Wigzell knocked out his opponent, Fusilier Higgs, in roughly 15 seconds. He had accomplished one-round knock-outs in two preliminary fights, but this was over in two punches. It was a short right of classic style which ended this brief contest.

In amateur boxing, of course, the knock-out is not acknowledged. There is no count, and the fight is stopped if one man fails to resume within reasonable time. But Higgs was out completely, and fell headlong on his face. Wigzell is a mechanic at Hendon, and is the most promising boxer the Services have produced for years.

WIDELY VARIED

As usual, the boxing was widely varied in standard. Some bouts consisted of boxing which was orthodox to a military degree—and quite uninteresting. Others were exciting fights to a standstill, as, for instance, the final of the Territorial Officers' light-heavyweight division, in which Lt. Allison and Lt. Powell fought such a slogging match that both were exhausted at the end of the second two-minute round.

The 6ft. 6in. giant, Lt. Luke, retained his heavyweight title after a clumsy fight with an exciting finish, for the bell ended the fight as his opponent, Lt. Anderson, lay on his face, knocked out.

KANE OUTPOINTS BATAILLE IN PARIS. FRENCH OPPONENT OUTCLASSED

Paris, February 25.

PETER KANE (Liverpool), making his first appearance as a bantamweight here, beat Georges Bataille, the former French bantam champion, on points at the Salle Wagram to-night over 10 rounds.

It is believed that Kane may now be offered a fight with the winner of the Sangchili-Brown contest in order to decide the possession of the L.B.U. world title.

Kane was much too good for the Frenchman, having his man down five times during the bout. In the fourth round Kane knocked Bataille down twice, and he put the Frenchman on the canvas three times in the eighth.

The Golborne man opened by attacking with strong right uppercuts, but Bataille bothered him considerably by his low crouch. The Frenchman appeared none too confident, and the first round was Kane's by a wide margin.

In the second round Bataille took to infighting, and kept rushing Kane at close quarters. Bataille was endeavouring to land some damaging right hooks, and he narrowly missed two to the head, but Kane, keeping at a safe distance, won the second round by two heavy rights to the body.

PUZZLED KANE

Bataille went back to his crouching tactics in the third and puzzled Kane. The Lancashire man then varied his body attack and tried landing vicious uppercuts, most of which landed on Bataille's gloves. The third round was even.

Kane continued to batter at Bataille with short left jabs followed by hard right uppercuts, and the Frenchman began to weaken. With fast short right hooks to the body Kane put his opponent down for a count of nine.

SHORT-LIVED

This stung the Frenchman into action, and he landed two left hooks to the Lancashire man's head. But the burst was only short-lived.

Kane in the eighth round attacked, determined to finish. A left uppercut sent Bataille down for a count of nine. A right hook sent the Frenchman down for another count of nine was called when Bataille received another right hook. This was a thrilling round. From then on there was only one man in the ring, but in spite of efforts from all angles Kane could not manage to land a knock-out blow.—Reuter.



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1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band.
1.30 p.m.—Deater and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Rotary Tiffin Speech relayed from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: James Smith, Esq. Subject: "Locomotive Improvements."
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.31 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.33 p.m.—Variety.
Orchestra—Home And Beauty—Selection. Adelphi Theatre Orchestra, conducted by Francis Collinson.
Orchestra—Summer Breezes (R. King); Daddy Long Legs (K. A. Wright). The Bohemians.
Organ Solo—When I Heard The Organ Play (J. E. Gilbert); Don't Forget The Old Folks (Noel & Pelosi). Quentin M. Maclean (Organ) vocalists: Les Allen and Quartette.
Orchestra—Double Or Nothing—Film Selection; Mr. Dodd Takes The Air—Film Selection. Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).
Once There Lived A Lady Fair (From "Blossom Time").
Love Lost For Ever More (From "Blossom Time").
Had You But Known (Denza Bruggemann).
Rokoko Love Song (E. Meyer-Helmund).
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Empire Gazette'—1. A topical review of events overseas. Edited by James Gifford, assisted by Kenneth Bailly. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—A Recital by Nura Kanis (Piano)—Russian Programme.
1. Fairy Tale Op. 34 (Medtner).
2. Pastorale (Ladov).
3. Prelude No. 12 (Rachmaninoff).
4. Valse (Arensky).
5. Fairy Tale Op. 26 (Medtner).
6. Prelude (Arensky).
9.05 p.m.—J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.
Phantom Minnet (Hope).
Souvenir (Doris; arr. Willoughby).
The Wedding Of The Rose (Jessel, arr. Willoughby).
9.15 p.m.—Studio—A talk by Sir Henry Pollock on the Work of The Salvation Army.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Songs by Eva Turner (Soprano).

10.00 p.m.—'Lovely Night' (Sir Landon Ronald).
Good-Bye (F. Paolo Tosti).
10 p.m.—London Relay—'All Kinds of People'—7. 'Milestones in an Airman's Life'. A talk by Wing-Commander S. L. G. Pope, D.F.C., A.F.C.
10.15 p.m.—Gracie Fields & Sandy Powell.
What The Stars Foretell (Humorous Sketch)..... Sandy Powell.
Gracie's And Sandy's Party.
Gracie Fields & Sandy Powell—entertain: Charlie Kunz, Reginald Dixon, Larry Adler, Joe Petersen, Jay Wilbur, Primo Scale.
The Photograph Of Mother's Wedding Group (Hargreaves & Damerell)..... Gracie Fields.
10.30 p.m.—Half An Hour Of Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—
Lambeth Walk (Rose, Furber & Gay).
Me And My Girl (Furber & Gay).
Ronnie Munro & His Orchestra with vocal refrain.
You've Gotta Take Your Pick And Swing (From 'Let's make a night of it').
When My Heart Says Sing (From 'Let's make a night of it').
Ronnie Munro & His Orchestra with vocal refrain.
Tango Fox-Trot—City Of A Million Dreams (Haines-Harper-Forrester-Nicholls).
Waltz—Viennese Romance (May-De Rance)..... Jack Wilson And His Versatile Five.
Fox-Trot—Glamour Girl (Strauss-Dale).
One-Step—Amazon Goes A-Wooing (Sid Phillips)..... Jack Harris And His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—True Confession (From the film); Please Remember (Denby & Watson)..... Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.
11 p.m.—Close down.

G.M.T.
6.00 a.m.—Big Ben. 'Palace of Varieties'.
7.00 a.m.—'Empire Exchange' Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and the Colonies.
7.15 a.m.—Recital of Traditional Scottish Songs.
7.30 a.m.—Scottish Dance Music.
7.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 8.00 a.m.
8.15 a.m.—Close Down.
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Frequencies—
GSI 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
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GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Welsh Orchestra.
11.15 a.m.—'Henry Irving: Man and Player'. A feature programme in commemoration of the great actor's centenary.
11.45 a.m.—The Cedric Sharpe Sextet.
12.15 p.m.—'Empire Gazette'—1. A topical review of events overseas.
12.45 p.m.—Orchestral Music.
12.55 p.m.—Phyllis Scott and John Burke in 'Old Time Songs'.
1.15 p.m.—Orchestral Music.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close Down.
TRANSMISSION 3
Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSH 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSI (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s
1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben—'All Kinds of People: Milestones in an Airman's Life'. A talk by Wing-Commander S. L. G. Pope, D.F.C., A.F.C.
2.15 p.m.—Organ Recital by Herbert Dawson, from St. Margaret's, Westminster.
2.45 p.m.—Courtney Hope, in Character Studies from Life.
3.00 p.m.—The Torquay Municipal Orchestra.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—'Round and About'. The Music of the Karens, by San Po Thin (Burmese Tenor).
4.30 p.m.—'The Melody Is There'.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

The New Laws Of Duplicate

Both the British Bridge League and the Duplicate Control Board decided last year to adopt the American laws of duplicate bridge. The Control Board has now promulgated the code in official form ("The Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge," published by the "British Bridge World," price 3s. 6d.), but the British Bridge League has to wait on the International Bridge League, to which it is affiliated, and which is preparing a simplified version of the American code.

This international version is expected to be promulgated shortly, and then practical uniformity, it is hoped, will have been achieved. In the meantime, while contest organised by bodies under the Control Board throughout the British Isles are being played under the Anglo-American laws, the British Bridge League contests are still governed by the League's own code.

A POINT OF ETHICS

The new laws, which are comprehensive and the fruit of much labour and long experience in the United States, are quite definite on the point raised in the protest during the Anglo-Austrian match in London. One of the Austrians, it will be remembered, passed his partner's opening forcing conventional bid of One Club, and a protest was made on the ground that this was unethical. The referee's ruling, which aroused much controversy, was that a convention was an announced arrangement between partners, and not an undertaking to opponents that the convention would invariably be adhered to.

In the "General Regulations" governing conventions, the American code says:

A player is at liberty to make any legal call or play he chooses, despite any announcement of practice employed by his partnership, provided that no departure from the announced practice depends upon a private understanding between the partners.

This law is modified by the following addition made by the Control Board:

It shall be illegal to make a conventional opening forcing bid on a holding which does not justify

such a bid, and any player so using any such bid is liable to disqualification.

Except for an opening forcing bid, then, a player may disobey his announced system to any extent he chooses. He will probably incur the wrath of his partner, but he infringes no right of his opponents. That, so far as the Control Board has jurisdiction, is now the position in this country. It will be interesting to see how the forthcoming international code handles the matter.

SCORING RULES

The scoring rules laid down in the Anglo-American laws are:

Part-score bonus for both aggregate and match-point scoring is 50 points (the British Bridge League doubles part-scores).

Penalties in less-than-slam contracts are limited in aggregate scoring for pairs contests to 600 when the defenders are not vulnerable and to 900 when they are vulnerable (B.B.L. Code—500 and 800).

When a less-than-slam contract is made the winners may not score more than 800 if they are non-vulnerable or 1,000 vulnerable (B.B.L. Code: the same).

Honours are counted in aggregate scoring, but not in match-point scoring (B.B.L. Code: honours always scored).

CONDONATION PROCEDURE

The main difference between the laws of duplicate and the laws of rubber bridge is in regard to condonation of an improper call by the left-hand opponent of the offender. This he does by accepting it as a proper call. In rubber bridge there can be no condonation after attention has been called to the irregularity. In duplicate the left-hand opponent may decide to condone even if attention has been called.

If immediately after making an insufficient bid or a misnomer (a slip of the tongue) a player tries to correct his call, the left-hand opponent may condone the correction. If he does not condone, but announces his intention to penalise, the offender may now make any proper bid he chooses, and is bound neither by his first call nor by its hasty correction. This is a very just procedure.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 18th March, 1938, to Wednesday, the 6th April, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

F. C. BARRY,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1938.

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Secretary.

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Board of Directors.

Hong Kong, 1st April, 1938.

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ITALIAN PRAISE OF VOLUNTEERS

Rome, To-day.
The "heroic deeds of Italian volunteers in Spain" between March 30 and April 3, are praised in a semi-official communique issued in Rome yesterday.

It is declared that Italian Blackshirts have defeated ten Spanish Government brigades on the Aragon front.

On March 23, the Blackshirts, it is claimed, "utterly destroyed" two Government battalions, the Matteotti and Garibaldi battalions.

These two battalions were made up of Italian exiles, who, as yesterday's communique puts it, "have now received their just dues." —Trans-Ocean.

PAPAL NUNCIO'S ROME VISIT

Vienna, To-day.
That the Papal Nuncio to Berlin is at present in Vienna for the purpose of dissolving the Papal Nuncio.

Call For Economy Reflects Strain On Japan

Tokyo, To-day.

The strained Japanese financial and economic position, and the concern felt at the continuously increasing costs of the China war, are reflected in the official statement on yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

The Cabinet decided to instruct all official institutions to exercise the strictest economy during the financial year beginning on April 1.

The War Minister, General Sugiyama, ordered the military authorities to use extreme care in utilising the extraordinary war budget of 50,000,000 yen.

This extraordinary war budget, which represents the very minimum cost of conducting the war in China, will, it is said, influence not only armaments but also Japanese industry, finance and the standard of living.

RETAIL PRICES

In the accompanying instructions, it is stated that when incurring expenditure, preference is to be given to goods required directly for war and that at the same time, measures are to be taken to prevent a rise in retail prices.

Promotion of Japanese production and easing of the credit mar-

ciature of Austria, was denied here yesterday.

It is declared, however, that the Vatican "has taken cognisance of the revised status of Austria." —Trans-Ocean.

HARD HIT AREAS

Moreover, the attention of the military authorities is drawn to the fact that it is necessary to place orders with small works as well, in order that the provinces, which at present are suffering particular distress, shall also benefit from Government and Army orders.—Trans-Ocean.

APPEAL COURT REDUCES SENTENCES

Three deportees, Ko Kau, Chan Chi and Tam Kwai, who were given sentences ranging from six and a half years' imprisonment to seven years, for breaches of the Deportation Ordinance and burglary by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, at the last Criminal Sessions, successfully appealed before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser this morning.

Appellants pleaded that the sentences imposed were excessive as they pleaded guilty and had only returned once from banishment.

Reducing the sentences to four years' hard labour in each case, His Lordship remarked that had appellants stood alone on the charge of returning from banishment the sentences would not have been so severe, but it appeared that additional charges of burglary must have lent colour to the offences committed to make the learned judge to impose sentences running consecutively.

APPEAL REJECTED

Cheung Ping, deportee, also appealed against sentence of four years' hard labour, but it was dismissed. Mr. John Whyatt, Assistant Attorney General, stated that appellant returned five times from banishment.

STRANGE STORY OF STRANGE INCIDENT

Hankow, To-day.

Two Japanese scouting planes flying over Indo-China were summarily shot down by French frontier guards, according to an Associated Press message from Hanoi.

In one case, the Japanese pilot was alive after the crash, and in the other, the occupants were found dead after their machine was brought down by anti-aircraft fire. Japanese airmen have not attempted any further encroachment upon French territory, added the same agency.—International.

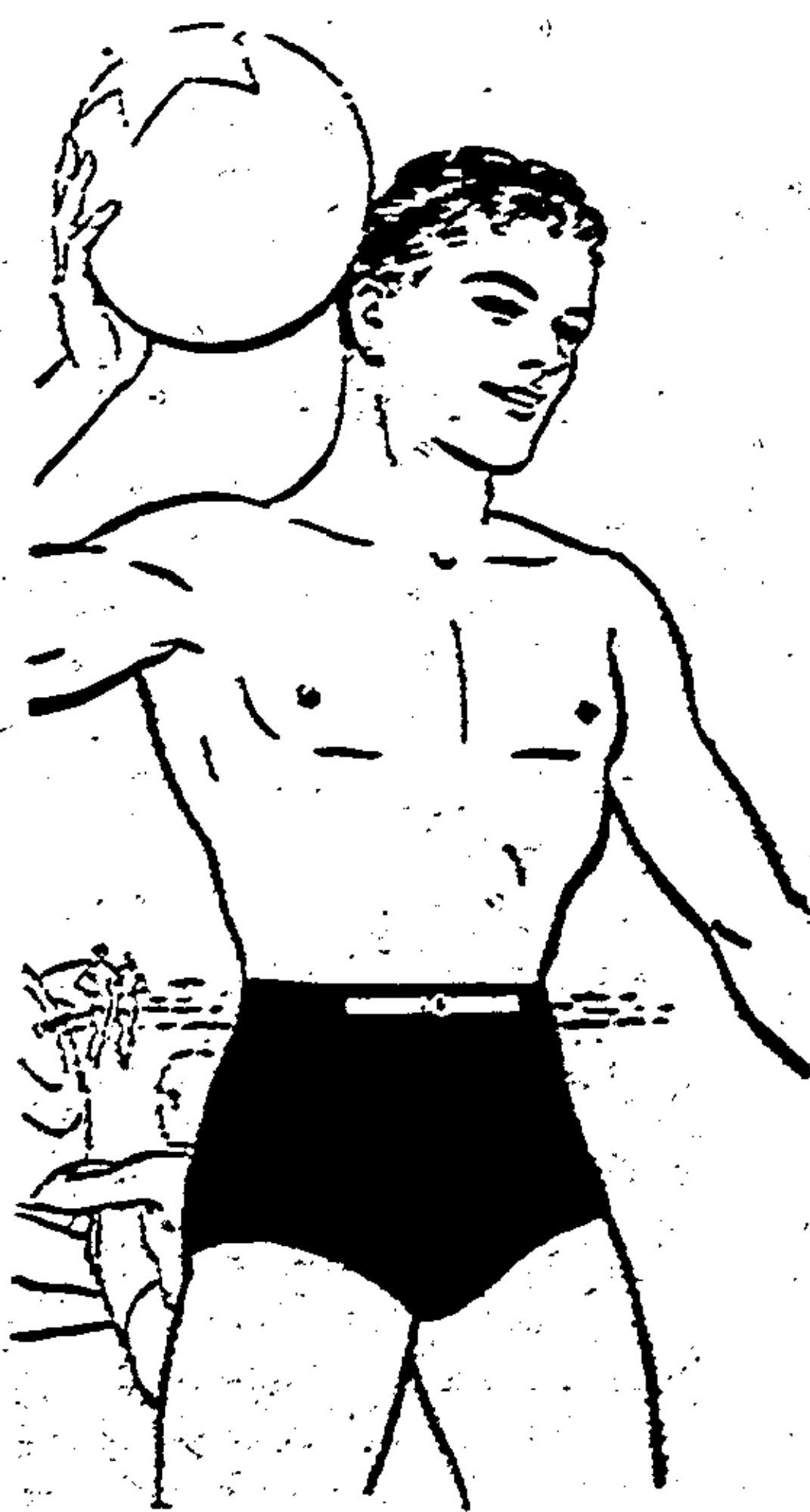
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